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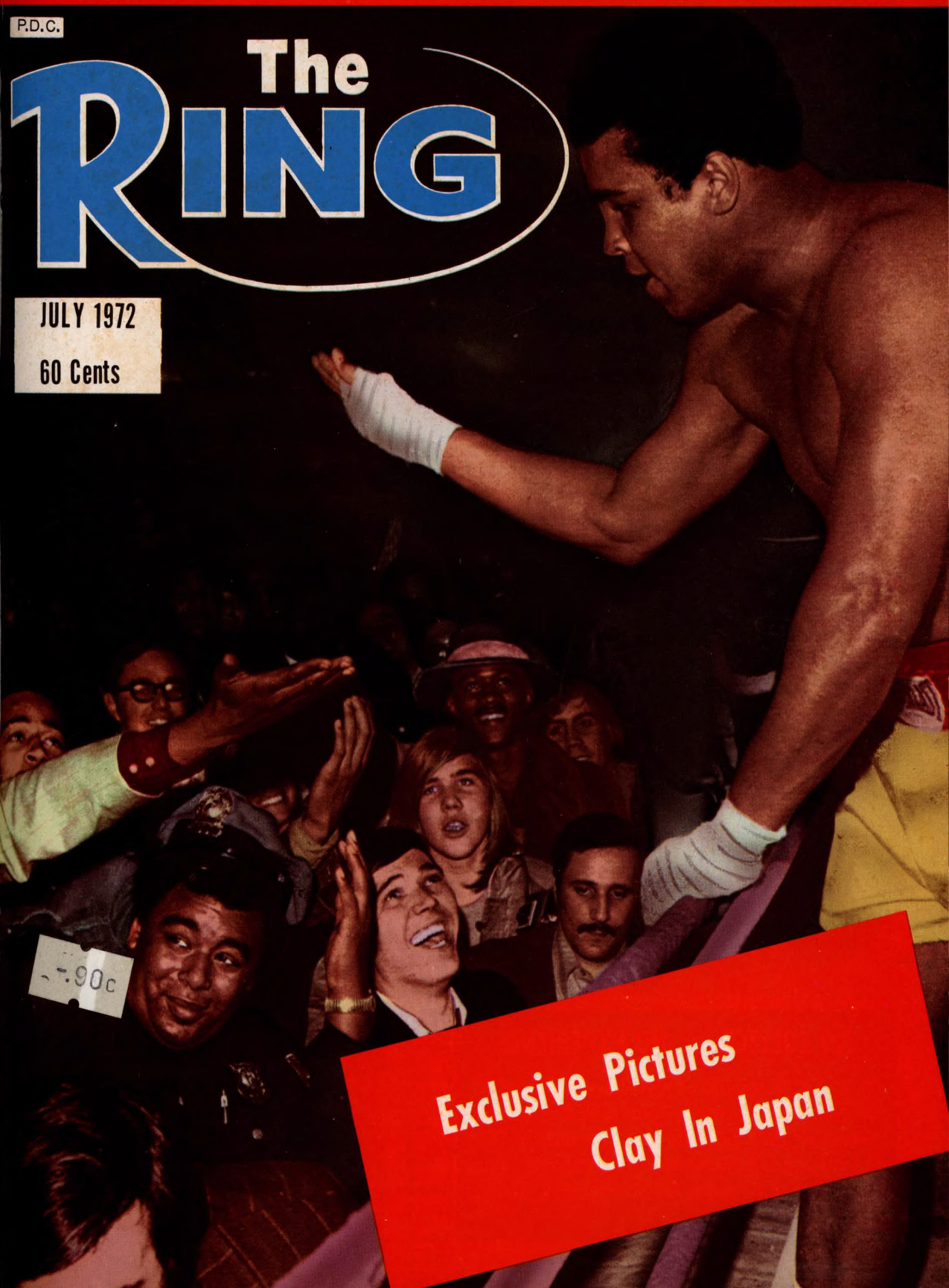

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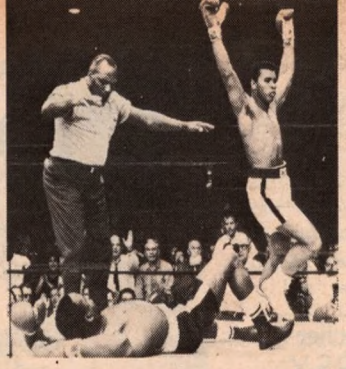

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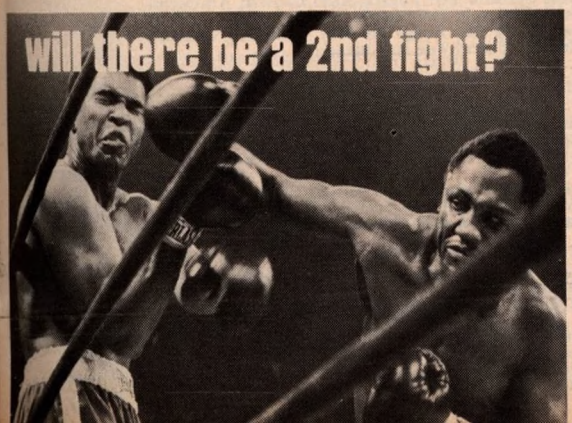

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NAT FLEISCHER SPEAKS OUT

CELEBRATING Year No. 50 of The Ring, which I started in 1922, I sit in my quiet office, doors closed, my thoughts, my reminiscences, my experiences, for the time being my only companions.

I have given a lifetime to boxing. The first question I ask myself is – Has it been worth it?

I must come to the conclusion that the answer must be a vehement YES.

I have made friends all over the world. I have met men of quality, champions of the world, and men of lesser skills but not lesser worth. I have made solid friendships I could have found in no other walk of life.

Is boxing worth the devotion I have given to it not only through the 50 years of the life of this publication, but many years preceding the institution of The Ring? My answer has to be a firm YES.

Boxing is an art. Boxing is a science. Boxing has psychiatric, psychological and physical values which do not appear on the surface.

Boxing can be very thrilling. Which of all the matches I have seen turned out the most nerve tingling?

I would say the Dempsey-Firpo fight. It lasted only five minutes in all. But into those two rounds were packed all the factors in excitement that run the gamut of fistic enthusiasm.

In the first round Firpo knocked Dempsey out of the ring and I got a fleeting vision of a new world champion from the Argentine, which had not been famous for its production of spectacular performers.

When I called on the then president of Argentina, Peron, years later he wanted all the details of that fight. He wanted a punch by punch account. He called it one of the big regrets of his life that he was not at the Polo Grounds to see it. Of course, he has had other regrets since.

Peron wanted to know if Firpo had not, in fact, won the title from Dempsey.

I said, "Mr. Presidente, if a wise man like Jack Kearns had been in Firpo's corner he would have insisted that his man had won the title, and for all I know, Luis might have got it. In the meantime, nobody who saw that fight ever will forget it."

Some of the greatest fights I have seen involved only journeyman boxers. Back in the old days, before I started The Ring, I delighted in watching two battlers who never quit, Battling Hurley and Cy Smith. I believe they came from New Jersey. It was punch and punch some more whenever those two got into a ring together.

One fight I wish I had not seen was that between Benny Leonard, then lightweight champion, at his crest, and Jack Britton, the welterweight titleholder.

Leonard lost on a foul in 13 rounds. Benny had plenty of income from the lightweight crown.

Why did he take the fight in the first place? Why did he foul Britton?

Benny was a close friend of mine and I could not get over the loss for a long time – if I ever did get over it.

Four pairs of fights stand out very prominently in my memory. They were the two between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling, and the pair between Louis and Billy Conn.

Older fans will recollect that before Louis won the world title he was knocked out by Schmeling in 12 rounds. In their return battle, Louis stopped the German in one round.

Joe was murder the second time around. He proved that when he knocked out Billy Conn in eight rounds after that cliffhanger in which Billy was on his way to the title in the 12th and aroused Joe so that Conn was stopped in the 13th.

Sometimes you go to a title fight with a hunch. I know that this has happened to me many times. I never will forget the strange feeling I had the night I went to the Madison Square Garden Bowl, home of the Boxing Jinx, to see Max Baer defend the title against the 10 to 1 Jim Braddock.

I had seen Baer train on several visits to his camp. I did not like Max's attitude, I did not like his looks, and I said to myself, "This man could lose the title. Braddock is no stiff and he is hungry and determined."

My hunch came true. Baer did not have it that night and Braddock took him, fair and square, with something to spare.

I had another hunch the night I went to Philadelphia to see Rocky Marciano challenge Jersey Joe Walcott.

Joe had experience. He had the punch, the boxing skill, the knowhow.

But I had a feeling that he would not be able to hold powerful Marciano off for 15 rounds.

As round followed round I began to have doubts about my hunch.

But in the 13th, my doubts soon were dissipated. Before the round had gone 60 seconds Rocco landed a powerful right to the jaw and referee Charley Daggert could have counted 60.

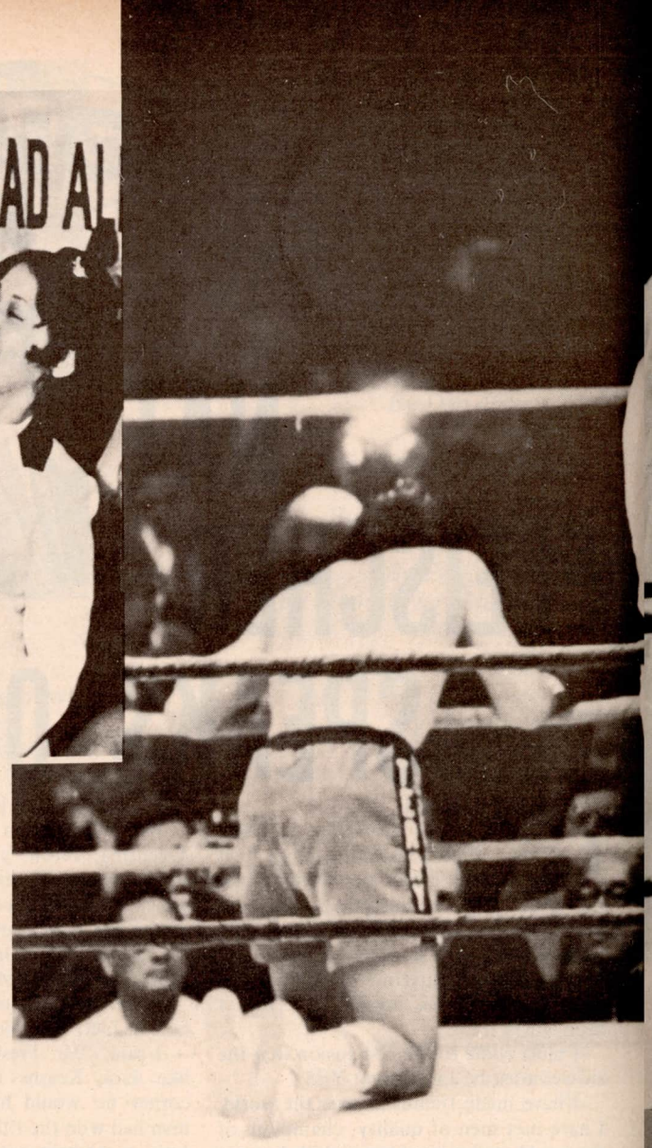
Another fight I regretted having seen was the Jack Johnson–Jess Willard affair in Havana in 1915.

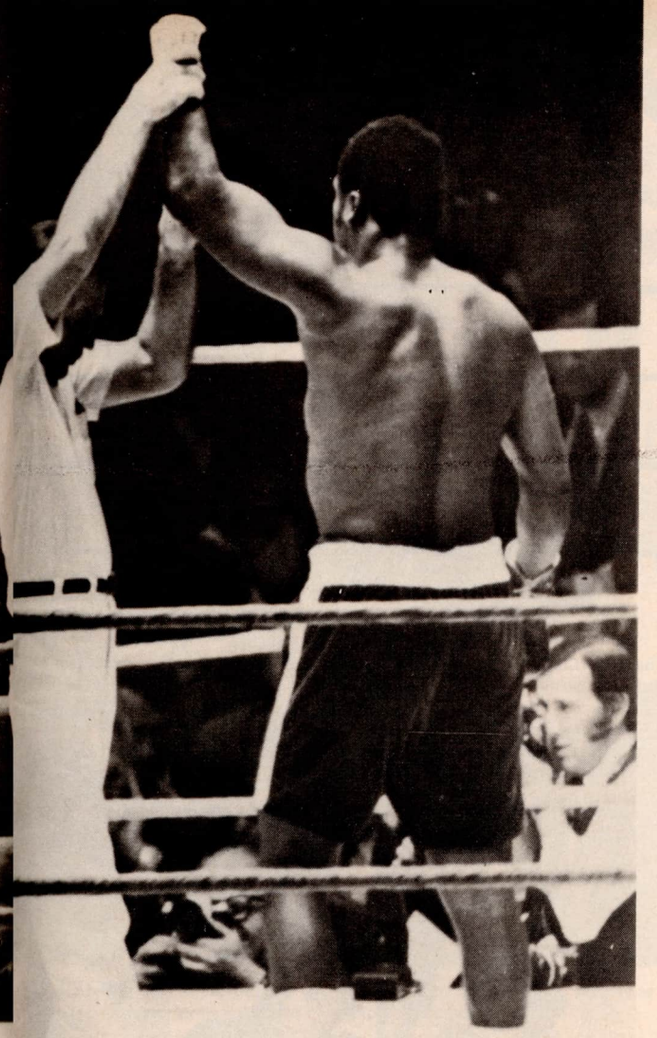
Johnson, whom I rate the greatest of all heavyweights, did little training and was sick at heart, and tired physically, from the hounding the Federal authorities gave him.

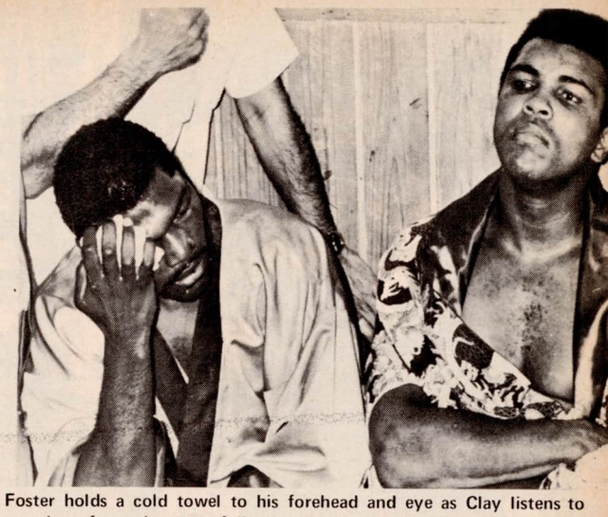
It was a dastardly outrage. That enforcement of the silly Mann Act, seldom put into effect, but racially enforced in the outrageous effort to throw Johnson, one of the kindest and gentlest guys in the history of the ring into jail.

They chased Johnson hither and yon, because he was black. They finally forced Johnson to defend his title in Cuba. There he went fishing when he should have been boxing in his camp.

Did Jack throw the fight? Well, remember this. Willard that hot afternoon was the greatest Willard of his career. He was fit. Johnson was a physical minus.







Foster holds a cold towel to his forehead and eye as Clay listens to questions from the press following his 15-round nod over the Marine veteran.

(Above) Cassius Clay gets an assist from two Japanese girls as he tries on a "Happy Coat" upon his arrival at the Tokyo Airport for his bout with Mac Foster. (Right) It will be recalled that Joe Frazier took care of Terry Daniels in four rounds, referee Herman Dutreix raising his hand in victory. (Left) Frazier ponders a question during a press conference before his bout with Ron Stander. What does the champ do for an encore?

(Left) Clay looks expressive as always while George Chuvalo is rather stoic at the signing for their meeting in Vancouver, Canada. (Above) Clay shows Foster five fingers, an indication of the round he had intended to knock him out in. But, alas and alack, it never happened.

CLAY STOCK DROPS AFTER PERFORMANCES IN JAPAN AND CANADA

By DAN DANIEL

SLOWLY, almost tediously, Joe Frazier and Cassius Clay are moving toward their return fight, very likely the last of their careers.

That they will meet again is certain, health and condition permitting.

That they will fight in Jack Kent Cooke's Forum at Inglewood, Calif. is a sure thing, up to the stated point.

That Cooke will be able to hold Joe and Cassius to their signed promises to fight for $750,000 each is improbable. Cooke knows this and is ready to revise financial conditions.

When will they fight? Most likely not before 1973.

Cassius would like to get it over with, even though he has not been idling well with things like the Mac Foster romp in Japan and George Chuvalo in Canada.

Frazier has become lukewarm about his fighting career and is laboring under the obsession that he is a nightclub entertainer, with his Knockouts. He will fight opponents like Ron Stander, and Yancy Durham is not urging him to speed up toward the return with Clay.

The point of concentration in this situation is where Clay stands.

Frazier, the champion, has allowed his top challenger to steal the show.

It is Clay who goes on the air, flip as usual. It is Cassius who gives the interviews. It is the Muslim who goes to Japan for $200,000 and the focus of public attention.

It is Frazier who hangs in the background, apparently content to play second fiddle and create a situation without precedent in the history of heavyweight competition.

Weighing in before the Mac Foster affair in Tokyo, Clay, it was announced, hit the beam at 226 pounds, heaviest of his career. There have been rumors that he weighed closer to 230 than 226.

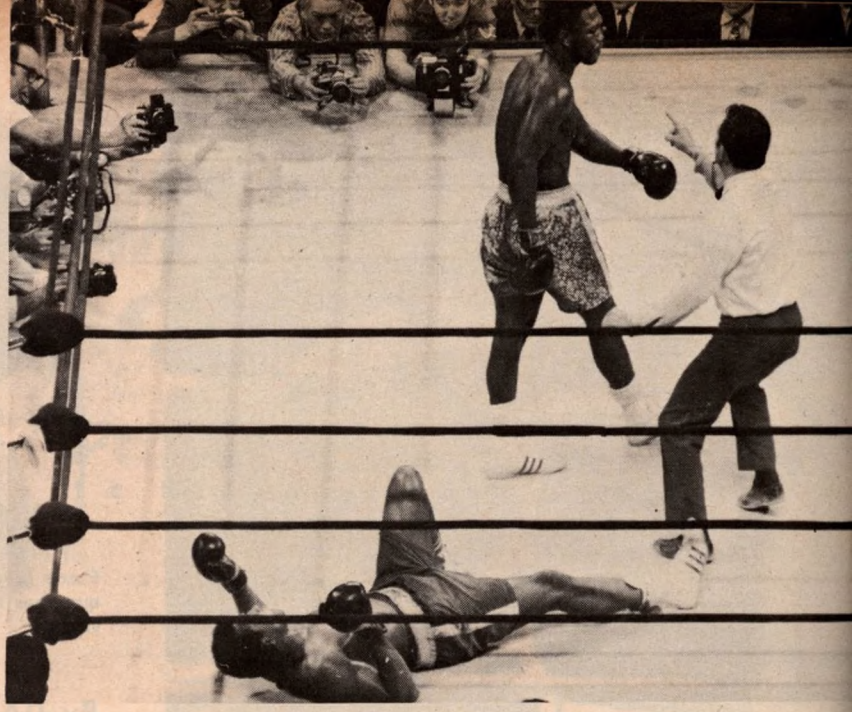
Among those who saw the 15-round structure of tedium and inconsequential developments were two New Yorkers who are very knowledgeable about boxing. They returned with a report which emphatically did not play up Clay's chances in the return fight with Frazier. Here is what they agreed on:

"Clay could very well be finished as a serious contender for the championship.

"He is careless about condition. He finds training irksome, even distressing. He has a style however, which will still fool a lot of people. He still waltzes around his opponent and gives the impression of useful mobility, which is tricky.

"It is our conviction that Clay could have stopped Foster.

Frazier looks dapper while enjoying his meal at the annual Dapper Dan Dinner at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel.



It'll be mighty hard for Clay to forget the moment he was knocked down by Frazier in the 15th round of their battle in New York in March, 1971.

But he has adopted the role of the kindly foe, eager to win but not so eager than he will inflict damage on an opponent."

There you have it, for what it may be worth. Considering Clay's layoff of more than three years, his psychological setback against Joe Frazier, especially in the 15th round and its decking, and the ease with which it is possible for Cassius to keep the limelight and continue to reap a rich harvest, the belief that Clay is about through as a No. 1 title contender merits analysis and consideration.

Concerning Clay's physical condition, it is significant that after the Foster show he took a 30-minute rest and kept press and TV interviewers waiting. He was exhausted after 15 rounds.

The longer he maintains this attitude toward condition, the tougher will it be for the former champion to get himself ready for a Frazier fight.

Cassius and not Joe is the man who is being swamped with offers.

With the Chuvalo affair in Vancouver out of the way, Cassius was offered $250,000 to fight Jerry Quarry at Las Vegas.

Get this one, please. Dublin, Ireland, wants Cassius to take $200,000 to meet Al Blue Lewis, scarcely a ranking heavy.

If Cassius wants to fight Bob Foster, Las Vegas will pay $200,000. Bob says he must quit his light heavy class and once again try the heavies.

Bob Foster has been offered $80,000 to fight Mike Quarry. Mike is not ready to fight Foster. If he goes out in a few rounds against Bob, Mike's career would be about over. He would be a man without an encore.

Critics of Cassius' series of fandangos resent the blasting the former champion has been taking for his luxurious life.

They point out that Joe Louis blew himself to cleaning out the Bum of the Month Club. They point to the overlong series of exhibitions which Jack Dempsey went through. Jack was forthright enough not to call them fights.

However, times and conditions have changed. Neither Dempsey nor Louis cashed in as heavily as Clay has been profiting.

Jack and Joe collected peanuts as against the rich takings of Clay and Frazier.

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(Above) Stewardess Dianne Brosh checks Clay's ticket as he flies to Tokyo accompanied by his mother and father. (Below) Cassius is a frequent guest on TV talk shows, such as Johnny Carson's.

(Above) Clay is surrounded by many admirers and curiosity seekers as he strolls down Tokyo's famed Ginza. (Below) Posing prettily with a parasol is the ex-heavyweight champion of the world.

Clay Charisma Rivals The Rising Sun

PHOTOS BY TERUO KUNITAMA

A DEEP insight into the popularity of Cassius Clay wherever he may go is furnished by this picture album of his recent visit to Japan.

The people of Tokyo held out their hands to Clay and the ex-heavyweight champion responded. Kissing babies, developing acquaintanceships with pretty girls, one of whom he facetiously called his "second wife," smiling and joking his way through Tokyo's crowds, Cassius ingratiated himself with a great city which never before had seen two of the top rated heavyweights in any era.

In the United States, the tricky art of kissing babies is reserved for office-seeking politicians.

Clay carried the stunt into a city which never has been baby-kissing politicos, and it liked the innovation.

Teruo Kunitama, the photographer who shot the pictures here reproduced, wrote, "Following Clay through the Ginza was the most enjoyable experience of my career. The way the people took to this boxer from the United States was amazing. I wish he would come back some day soon."

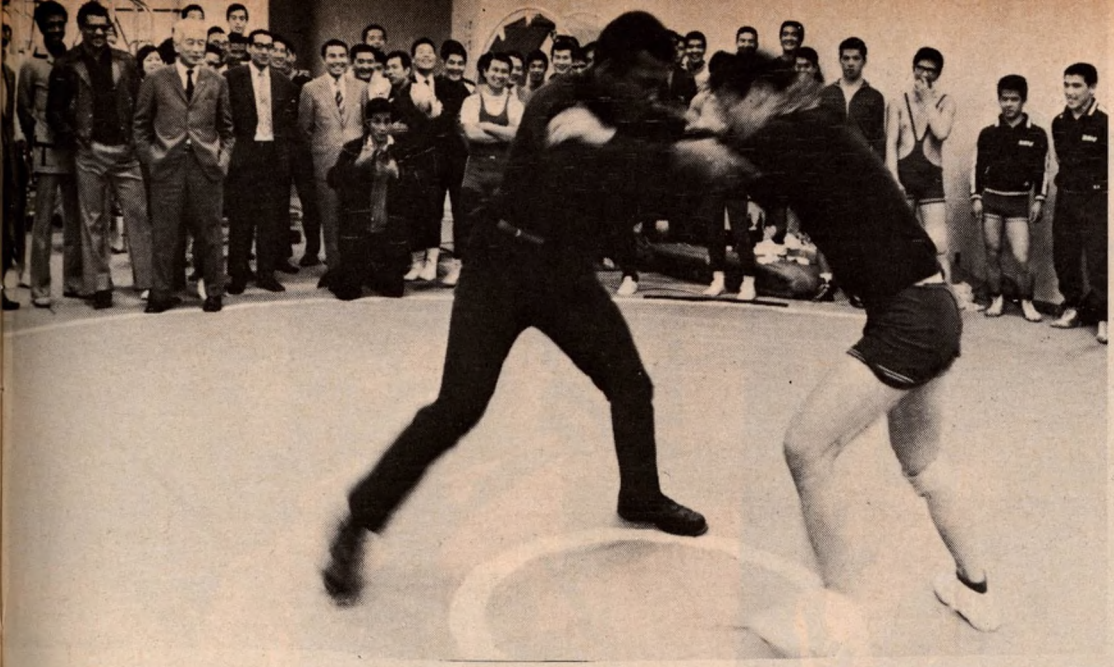
Casting his parasol aside, Cassius is flanked by four Japanese dolls, dressed in their best finery.

Clay peers at some fans, who peer right back at him as he signs autographs.

Cassius waves a greeting as he dines out. That's trainer Angelo Dundee at the head of the table.

As Clay makes his way into the Hotel Okura, the girls flock to him.

Back to the Ginza and a stroll with Angelo.



For a lark, Clay takes on a Japanese opponent for a bit of friendly wrestling.

Meanwhile, back in Kyoto, Clay and Angelo, with pipe, prepare to take in some sights.

Clay smiles as pretty singer Sumiko Sakamoto dangles a pair of miniature boxing gloves.

At a very informal dinner, Clay does a bit of baby-kissing.

Clay, obviously fond of children, makes a big hit with this girl. Next to Cassius is promoter Mr. Ko, a Chinese-born Japanese citizen.

(Above) Cassius looks mighty pleased as he looks at camera while Japanese gal looks mighty pleased looking at him. (Below) Clay chortles with glee as he poses with a passing acquaintance.

(Above) It's thank heaven for little girls time again for Clay. (Below) Cassius studies the waitress as she pours coffee for him.

(Above) Clay holds ropes as he watches an exhibition of karate. Cassius said he was surprised at the amount of violence in it. (Left) Clay's privacy seems to be invaded by the press and camera corps, but he seems to be reacting very calmly.

Cassius smiles as he listens to actor Chintaro Katu play the chiyamisen.

Clay ponders as he's snapped in front of the Hayan Jingu Temple in Kyoto.

Cassius Clay (left) backs off from a right thrown by Mac Foster during their Tokyo 15-rounder won by Clay.

CLAY WALTZ DISAPPOINTS JAPANESE

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, Japan – The 15-round fight in which Cassius Clay beat Mac Foster here was notable – but not as a fistic production.

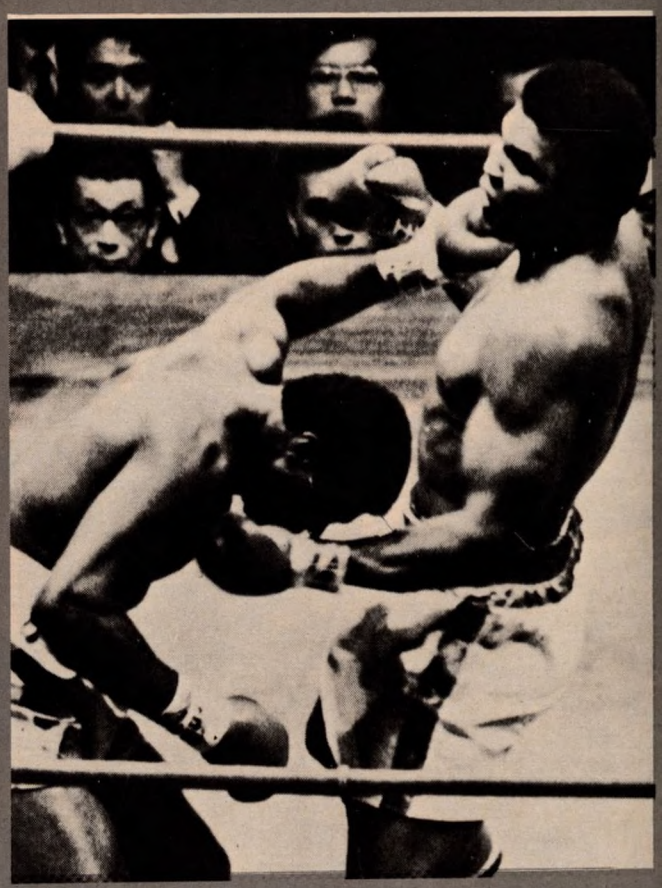
It was notable because it was the first time a really great heavyweight, former champion of the world and still impending challenger of Joe Frazier, had appeared in Japan.

It served to show up the youth of Japanese boxing, and the progress of the sport in this country.

But as a fight, it left much to be desired. Foster stayed the 15 rounds, but Japan experts did not know if Foster had the skill and stamina, or if he was carried along by a superior fighter who did not want to stop a fellow Negro opponent.

In short, the 45 minutes of fighting in Martial Arts Hall, which seats 14,000, was not thrilling. There appeared to be 12,000 in the house but the management did not tell anybody how many people attended this first big fight in Asia, or how much money if any, was realized after paying Clay $250,000 and Foster $50,000.

This man Clay is a born ballyhoo expert. He told everybody



Foster and Clay exchange lefts during the third round.

before the fight that he would stop the California fighter in five rounds. He did not come anywhere fulfilling this prediction and this irked the onlookers.

It was a strange reaction by the people. They paid to see 15 rounds and wanted it to end in five. Japan fans are not different than those of New York. They want total action, the KO.

The fight was refereed by an American, John Crowder. Nick Pope no longer lives here. Crowder voted for Clay, 73 to 65. This was a fair estimate. One judge, Takeo Ugo, voted 75 to 67. The other judge, Hiroyuki Tezake, saw it 74-65.

The reporter for The Ring scored it 73-64; Associated Press, 73-64; United Press, 74-64.

There were no knockdowns, nothing even resembling one. Foster had been knocked out in six rounds by Jerry Quarry in New York in June, 1970, and the experts figured that Cassius would turn the trick faster.

But he didn't do it and disappointment was general, from the press rows all the way to the workers in the cheaper seats.

There were a few occasions when it looked as if Foster was dazed. But if Clay had Mac dazed, he never followed it up. Whether he could have done this, or did not want to, only he knows.

That Foster was not a hard hitter was proved, if it had to be proved, in the seventh round. Clay let the Californian belt him in the body time after time. But this attack was not effective. It helped to improve Foster's score but it did not improve his status as a heavyweight hitter.

Cassius did a lot of dancing around. He scored easily with left jabs, and all other punches except the KO.

In the fifth round, Foster decided he had to do something impressive. But Clay just danced around him, nullifying his attack for head or body and making Mac know who was the master.

Clay came in at 226 pounds, his heaviest. He looked heavier. Foster's weight was 211 3/4.

After the fight, reporters were kept waiting for half an hour by Cassius. Why? Nobody found out. Was he tired?

He praised Foster for lasting the limit and announced that anybody able to go 15 rounds with Cassius Clay had to be great.

On the basis of Clay's punching, this did not stand out as a verified fact.

Foster, in turn, praised Clay for being a great fighter but added that he had not been hurt, or cut.

Foster said that Cassius had very good jabs, and that they kept him from getting in close.

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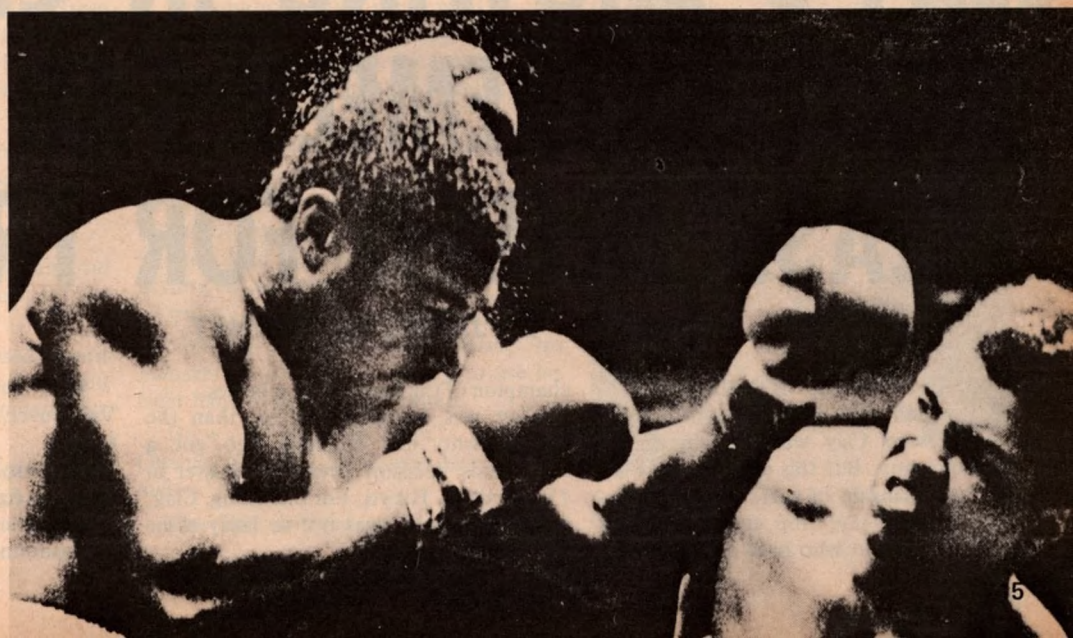
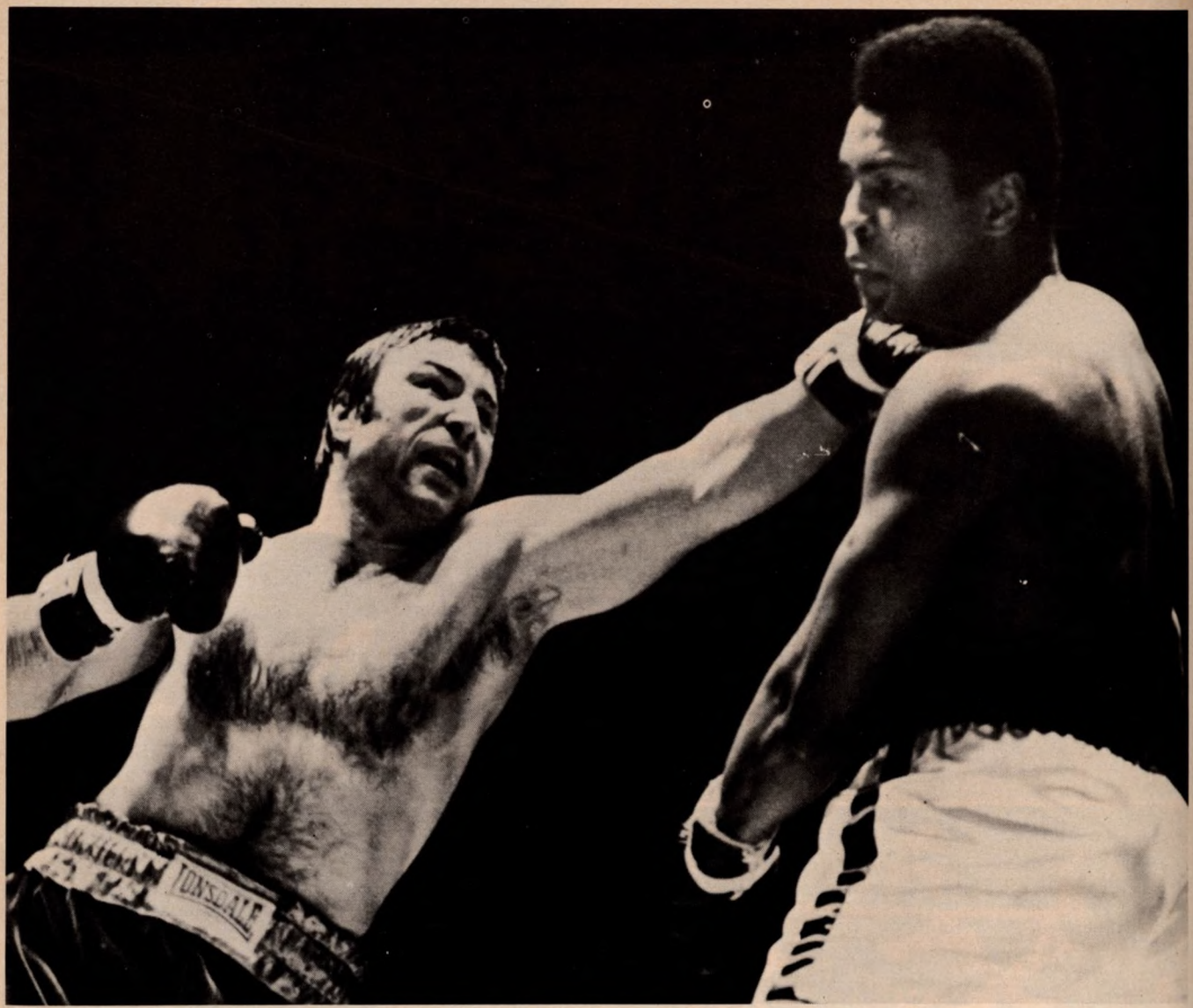
Cassius connects with a left to the face of Foster during the fifth, the round Clay predicted he would stop his foe in.

Foster connects with a right to the side of Clay's face in the 10th as Cassius' left curls around Mac's neck.



The sweat flies from Foster's head when he is hit by Clay's right in the 12th.



George Chuvalo catches Cassius Clay with a long left in the first round of their bout at Vancouver, B.C. Clay looked better than against Mac Foster but didn't exactly set the world on fire.

CLAY'S SHOWING IN CHUVALO FIGHT EXTREMELY FAR FROM CLASS NEEDED FOR FRAZIER

By JAMES N. CARNEY

VANCOUVER, B.C.–In his 12-round fight with George Chuvalo, Cassius Clay was the winner, beyond question. But this was not the Clay who beat Chuvalo in a 15-rounder at Toronto on March 29, 1966, any more than it was the Chuvalo who held off the world champion of the time for 45 minutes.

Clay was somewhat better than the Cassius who not so long ago got a unanimous decision over Mac Foster in 15-rounds at Tokyo. For one thing, Clay, at 217½ pounds, was not as lardy as he had been in Japan.

But, in both places, Tokyo and Vancouver, Cassius talked better than he fought.

At Tokyo, he took half an hour's rest after the fight before facing the press.

At Vancouver, he wasn't so exhausted. He announced that had he been in the

kind of shape he achieved for the Chuvalo fight when he met Joe Frazier in New York on March 8, 1971, he would have "eaten Joe up."

Clay was seen the winner here by referee Dave Brown with a 59-51 tab.

Judge Tom Paonessa gave Clay a shutout, 60-46. Judge Tom Keyes scored it 58-51.

On the basis of Cassius' showings at Tokyo and Vancouver, and giving him advance credit for improved condition within the year, he still is not a serious threat to Frazier if Joe shows the condition of March 8, 1971.

However, Cassius beat Chuvalo again. George once again did his customary bleeding. He suffered a gash above the right eye in the sixth and from then on was crimson, handicapped, and the same old Chuvalo.

Chuvalo did not hit the deck. Give him his due. He is as game a fighter as boxing has seen. He cuts easily, he bleeds easily, he is well past his prime and now no better than a trial horse, the role in which he faced the Pacific Coliseum crowd, announced as being 8,800.

For the Muslim, it will be Jerry Quarry, then Blue Lewis, and maybe Frazier in September. Maybe.

Clay said that his plan of battle at Vancouver would be duplicated in his return match with Frazier.

He said that it would be dance and stab, stab and dance.

That stabbing and dancing can impede a bull like Frazier is a question.

However, Clay should worry. Win, lose or draw, he can go right on fighting for $200,000 and better a showing.

Chuvalo pointed to his 36 minutes against Cassius as vindication of his determination to keep fighting. This effort at logic is not easily analyzed. There are fighters whom George still can meet on even terms. But they may not be among the ranking top ten. They may even be stiffs.

After the fight, (please, Messrs. Promoters, don't go that far from Broadway, or Los Angeles again) the Muslim was magnanimous. He praised Chuvalo, who, he said, had hit low only once.

He praised the 55-year-old referee. He praised the fans, the Coliseum, and himself. He said nothing about his next date as a Muslim preacher.

Joe Frazier and Yancy Durham did not take the trouble to come out for the fight, and small wonder.

No doubt they saw the closed circuit showing, which viewers in New York said had been poor and far less commendable than the one out of Tokyo.

One thing is sure. Fight fans are fed up with the preliminaries to the championship contest.

Cassius sends a right to George's chin. Clay connected often but didn't shake the rock-like Chuvalo, who connected much more often against Cassius this time than he did in their previous meeting six years ago.

If Clay is good enough to duplicate Floyd Patterson's trick of recovering the world title after having held it and given it up, the customers want to see it and get straightened away.

If Clay isn't good enough to beat Frazier, the fans want to know that, too. They are tired of being used as box office guinea pigs.

In Tokyo, the Japanese hooted Clay. In Canada, the spectators took it for what they had expected, Chuvalo's bleeding and all.

For anybody who knew what he was watching, the trip all the way from New York to Vancouver hardly was justified by what happened in the 36 minutes in the Pacific Coliseum.

Chuvalo, who weighed 221, said after the encounter that he had enjoyed it. If he meant it, he revealed a strange streak because, apart from the return financially, he could not possibly have enjoyed getting cut and punched by Clay.

The winner got a lot of coaching from his corner. Herbert Muhammad, his manager, kept yelling to Clay to use his right hand after the sixth round.

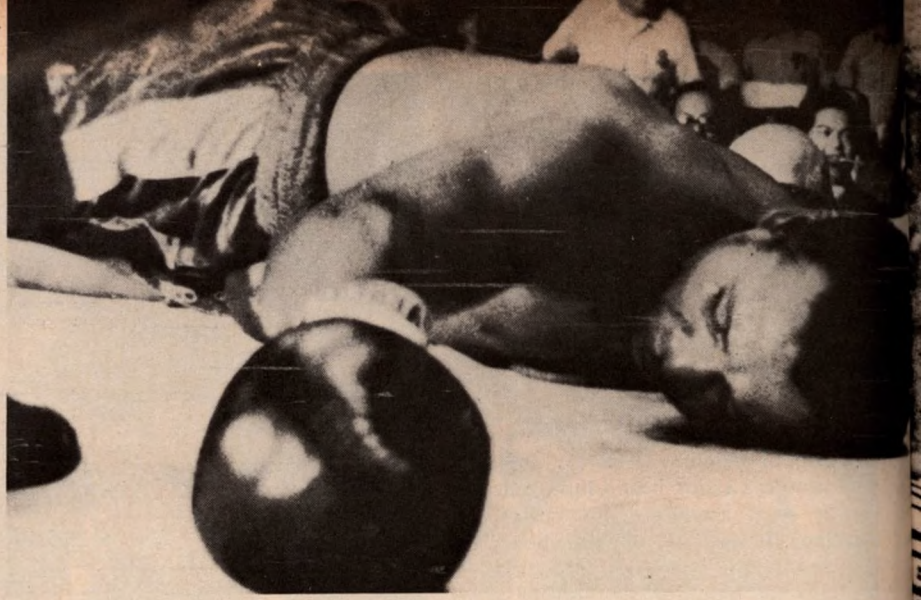
Drew Brown, "Bundini", implored Cassius to split Chuvalo's face like a melon.

Chuvalo offered no comparisons between the fighter he had met at Toronto and the Clay he had run into in Vancouver, but did say that he liked Joe when and if the Frazier-Clay rematch takes place.

George Chuvalo talks to newsmen after the fight.

Rondon No Match For Bob Foster

By HANK KAPLAN



Vicente Rondon sprawls on the canvas after being knocked out by Bob Foster in the second round of their title contest.

MIAMI Beach, Fla. – The long awaited world light heavyweight fight between Bob Foster, the true titleholder, and Vicente Rondon, the so-called WBA champion, proved to be no match.

The challenger from Venezuela, knocked cold in the second round at the 2:55 mark, never laid a hurtful fist on Foster.

Rondon hit Foster once in the opening round and three or four times in the second.

Rondon hit the deck in the second round and when he went down again, that was it. He was out for a full minute. He had been hurt.

The Foster-Rondon fight was to have been the chef d'oeuvre of the new Mel Ziegler regime, which by mandate of the City Council had ousted Chris Dundee as Miami Beach promoter after 21 years of Chris' operation.

However, as a fistic event, as a promotion, as a money source, the match was a complete flop.

It is reported that the Ziegler combination lost as much as $40,000 on the promotion and was saved from much more drastic losses by the $100,000 it got for the television rights.

The situation here now is most uncertain. Will the Ziegler combine go to the City Countil and turn in the franchise? Will Chris Dundee move back into his old offices on Washington Avenue which he occupied for so many years? Will Miami Beach be revived as a major entity in the American boxing setup?

Can Miami Beach be revived with major catering to Cuban refugees and other Latin Americans?

Having disposed of Rondon, whom will Foster fight now, who can give him a fight, who can break the light heavyweight jinx?

The fact is that there isn't another 175-pounder in Foster's class. Will he move into the heavyweight division in spite of the fact that he has not been able to beat a heavyweight?

His showing against Joe Frazier in Detroit was totally inadequate in November, 1970, when Bob went out in the second round.

In the aftermath of the fight, the WBA, which had made the silly announcement that it had taken the title from Foster, looks decidedly nonsensical.

However, it is an ill wind that blows no good. The fight cleared up the uncertainty about the championship, and backed up The Ring's dictum that a world title has to be won or lost in the ring and that Rondon was nothing more than a challenger and a very poor challenger, at that. His backers were astounded by his weak showing.

As for the so-called fight, a left-right-left combo sent the Venezuelan into dreamland. Vicente fell on his face, his legs crossed behind him, his leg muscles quivering.

Dr. Ferdinand Pacheco, in Rondon's corner, was worried as he saw those muscles react but decided that Vicente did not have to go to a hospital.

Early in the second round, a left hook sent Rondon to the

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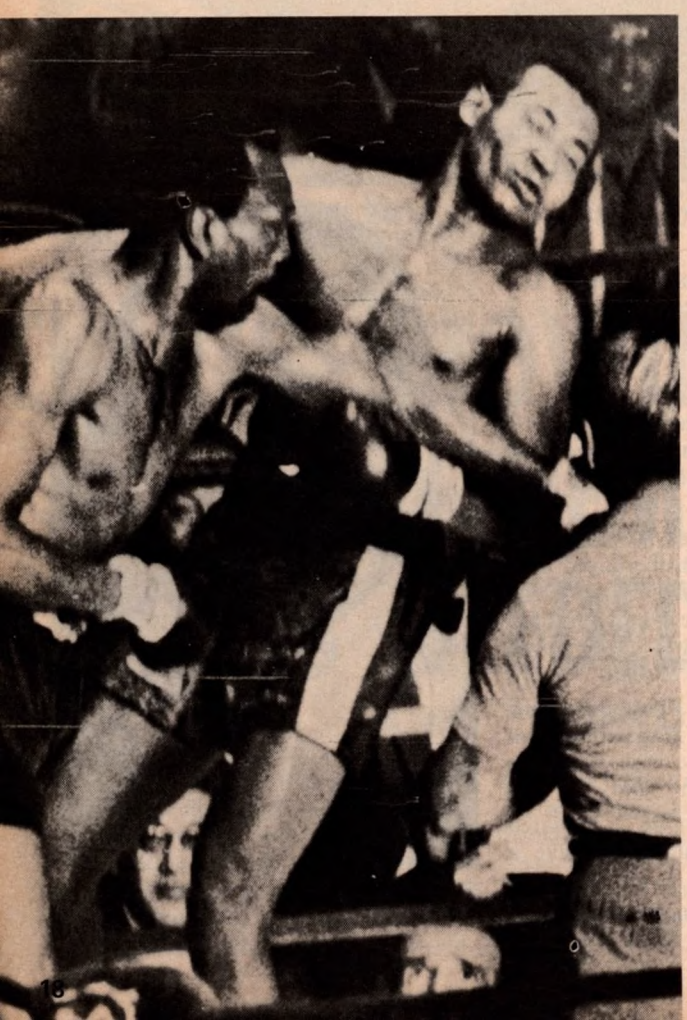

Foster connects with a tremendous left to the jaw, the final punch of the evening which sent Rondon to dreamland.

A jubilant Foster hugs his trainer after stopping Rondon.

FOSTER READY FOR FRESH ASSAULT ON HEAVYWEIGHTS

By BOB FOSTER, WORLD LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION (As Told To Bob Goodman)

IF I can't fight heavyweights, then how come they're all evading me? We've been trying to line up fights with Floyd Patterson, Oscar Bonavena, Jimmy Ellis, and the guy I really want to get, Cassius Clay.

They must be crazy. Everybody knows that I'm a great light heavy but can't mix it with the heavyweights. At least that's what they all say. Then why won't they fight me?

It's true that I have not had success with heavyweights in the past, but I had no reason being in there with those guys at the time.

I fought Doug Jones on short notice in my tenth pro fight. He was a top heavyweight and I just had no business in there, but we had to eat and the light heavyweights were all staying clear of this hungry young socker with four kids of his own to feed.

I was also thrown in against Ernie Terrell, whom King Kong couldn't look good with, and Zora Folley, one of the best heavyweights of the time. Both fights were just paydays for me and I took them without time to prepare myself.

I hardly knew how to fight then, even thought I had 101 amateur bouts. The pros were something else. All I could do was punch and that's just not enough when your fighting contenders.

Now I'm 33-years-old and just learning what it's all about. I can probably fight for another five or six years because of my style. I don't depend on great stamina, like Frazier and Marciano, and I'm not a dancer like Clay or Robinson. My fights don't take it out of me.

I think I can beat any heavyweight in the world with the exception of Joe Frazier, who made a believer out of me in Detroit in 1970.

Yet thinking back to Detroit, it wasn't really Joe who knocked me out for the first time in my career. It was Yank Durham. If Yank had not screamed at Joe after I rang his bell a couple of times in the first round–"Get in his pants, Joe, and bite his chest, you're giving him too much room,"–I think I would have knocked Joe out in the second round.

It would have had to be the second or third because I'm not crazy enough to think I could have put up with his pressure for too long. Yank himself told me what he said to Joe after the first round and you can bet that I thanked him for his advice to Joe.

Style is the answer in almost any fight and no heavyweight out there with the exception of Frazier, has the style to beat me. Nobody can put on the pressure like Joe and even if others try, they just can't execute. I might sound daffy, but I think I'll try Joe again–when he gets a little older.

I beat Clay in the amateurs. We were working out for the Pan American Games and he was such a joker, running around waking people up, always screaming and bragging, I just took him up on it and gave him a whuppin.

He's slipped since then and I've gotten better.

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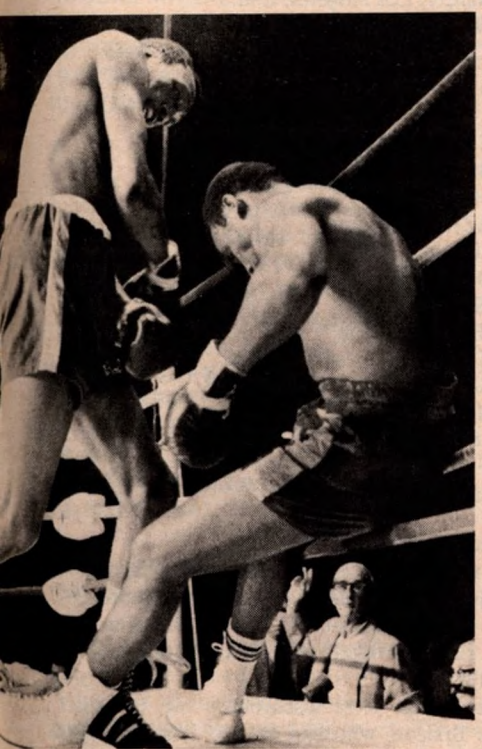


(Above) Rondon is toppling to the canvas after being belted by Foster's KO punch. (Right) Referee Cy Gottfried bellows the count into Rondon's ear but obviously Vicente doesn't hear him.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
1–CASSIUS CLAY, Cherry Hill, N.J.
2–JERRY QUARRY, Los Angeles, Cal.
3–GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Cal.
4–FLOYD PATTERSON, New York, N.Y.
5–OSCAR BONAVENA, Argentina
6–JOSE LUIS GARCIA, Venezuela
7–LARRY MIDDLETON, Baltimore, Md.
8–MAC FOSTER, Fresno, Calif.
9–GREGORIO PERALTA, Argentina
10–JOSE URTAIN, Spain

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington D.C.
1–ANDY KENDALL, Portland, Ore.
2–CHRIS FINNEGAN, England
3–MIKE QUARRY, Los Angeles, Cal.
4–PIERRE FOURIE, South Africa
5–PAT O'CONNOR, Rochester, Inn.
6–VICENTE RONDON, Venezuela
7–SAREL AUCAMP, South Africa
8–EDDIE OWENS, Pittsfield, Mass.
9–JIMMY DUPREE, Jersey City, N.J.
10–AVENAMAR PERALTA, Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1–JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER, France
2–EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
3–MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
4–KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
5–BENNIE BRISCOE, Philadelphia, Pa.
6–NATE COLLINS, San Francisco, Cal.
7–BUNNY STERLING, England
8–TOM BOGS, Denmark
9–TONY MUNDINE, Australia
10–LUIS VINALES, Puerto Rico

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1–ADOLPH PRUITT, St. Louis, Mo.
2–BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.
3–ERNIE LOPEZ, Las Vegas, Nev.
4–ROGER MENETREY, France
5–ARMANDO MUNIZ, Los Angeles, Cal.
6–ROBERT GALLOIS, France
7–THURMAN DURDEN, Los Angeles, CAl.
8–HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.
9–CLYDE GRAY, Canada
10–BUDDY BOGGS, Baltimore, Md.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALFONSO FRAZIER, Panama
1–BRUNO ARCARI, Italy
2–JOAO HENRIQUE, Brazil
3–EDDIE PERKINS, Chicago, III.
4–NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina
5–JIMMY ROBERTSON, San Francisco, Cal.
6–RODOLFO GONZALEZ, Long Beach, Calif.
7–CARLOS GIMENEZ, Argentina
8–PACO FLORES, Phoenix, Ariz.
9–ROGER ZAMI, France
10–PIERO CERU, Italy

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
1–MANDO RAMOS, Long Beach, Cal.
2–PEDRO CARRASCO, Spain
3–ANTONIO PUDDU, Italy
4–ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
5–AL FORD, Canada
6–CHANGO CARMONA, Mexico
7–ISMAEL LAGUNA, Panama
8–RAUL VENERDINI, Argentina
9–ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
10–SHINICHI KADOTA, Japan

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1–FRANKIE OTERO, Miami, Fla.
2–SAMMY GOSS, Trenton, N.J.
3–RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
4–ALFREDO MARCANO, Venezuela
5–WILLIAM MARTINEZ, Nicaragua
6–JOSE MARIN, Costa Rica
7–RUBEN NAVARRO, Los Angeles, Cal.
8–KENJI IWATA, Japan
9–LOVE ALLOTEY, Ghana
10–TOMMASO GALLI, Italy

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
1–RICARDO ARREDONDO, Mexico
2–ERNESTO MARCEL, Panama
3–ANTONIO GOMEZ, Venezuela
4–JOSE LEGRA, Spain
5–EDER JOFRE, Brazil
6–CLEMENTE SANCHEZ, Mexico
7–ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
8–BOB ALLOTEY, Ghana
9–BERT NABALATAN , Philippines
10–SHOZO SAIJYO, Japan

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RAFAEL HERRERA, Mexico
1–RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
2–RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
3–CHUCHO CASTILLO, Mexico
4–ENRIQUE PINDER, Panama
5–OCTAVIO GOMEZ, Mexico
6–AUGUSTIN SENIN, Spain
7–ALAN RUDKIN, England
8–JESUS PIMENTEL, Los Angeles, Cal.
9–CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
10–ROGELIO LARA, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
1–BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
2–MASAO OHBA, Japan
3–SERVILLO de OLIVIERA, Brazil
4–FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland
5–MIGUEL CANTO, Mexico
6–VENICH BORKORSOR, Thailand
7–RICARDO DELGADO, Mexico
8–LORENZO GUTIERREZ, Mexico
9–SOCRATES BATOTO, Philippines
10–ORLANDO AMOROS, Panama

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Pedro Lovell Argentina	5/71	6	6	0	0	6
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Hildo Silva San Diego, Cal.	4/71	12	10	1	1	3
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Angel Rodriguez Colombia	1/71	8	7	0	1	5
WELTERWEIGHT						
Tom Von Hatten Fort Worth, Texas	7/71	10	10	0	0	8
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Jimmy Heair Los Angeles, Cal.	7/71	8	8	0	0	1
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Beto Nunez Tucson, Ariz.	2/71	6	5	1	0	0
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Eduardo Correa Puerto Rico	5/71	6	6	0	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Andres Hernandez Puerto Rico	6/69	8	6	1	1	1

BOB FOSTER FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

REVISED ratings of the boxers of the world in The Ring, show Bob Foster, light heavyweight champion of the world, as the Fighter of the Month.

The rating committee of The Ring ruled that, having stopped Vicente Rondon in the second round, and cleared up the 175-pound muddle created by the WBA effort to take the championship from Bob, Foster was clearly entitled to the leadership for the month.

Rondon's poor showing against Foster cost him dearly in the Ring ratings, as he was dropped all the way to No. 6.

Two boxers–Larry Buck and Brian Kelly–lost their ratings as light heavyweights. Sarel Aucamp, South Africa, Avenamar Peralta and Eddie Owens moved in.

The heavyweight ratings were disturbed somewhat. Greg Peralta squeezed into No. 9 replacing Jimmy Ellis, whose failure to do any fighting forfeited his place in the rankings.

Mac Foster, beaten in a 15-round affair with Cassius Clay, lost his No. 6 spot and fell two pegs.

The revised heavyweight ratings are as follows:–Champion, Joe Frazier; contenders; 1, Cassius Clay; 2, Jerry Quarry; 3, George Foreman; 4, Floyd Patterson; 5, Oscar Bonavena; 6, Jose Luis Garcia; 7, Larry Middleton; 8, Mac Foster; 9, Greg Peralta; 10, Jose Urtain.

The middleweight ratings were disturbed a bit, the chief sufferer being Bennie Briscoe, who lost his No. 3 spot behind champion Carlos Monzon by taking a ten-round beating from virtually unknown Luis Vinales. Briscoe's setback threw him into No. 5.

A newcomer to the middleweight ranks is Tony Mundine, the Australian star who holds three titles.

Mundine now is No. 9 and Vinales No. 10.

The welter ratings show Ernie Lopez demoted from the leadership of those who would like to remove Jose Napoles.

Lopez has lost his No. 1 rating to Adolph Pruitt, who has made a new career for himself in Honolulu.

Hedgemon Lewis has fallen all the way from No. 3 to the 8 spot.

Marcel Cerdan has been dropped and so has Nate Robinson, who has announced his temporary retirement through illness.

Because of inactivity, Antonio Puddu has been superceded as the lightweight contender No. 1. The new top threat to Ken Buchanan, as the raters see it, is Mando Ramos.

Pedro Carrasco is second and then Puddu. Esteban De Jesus is moving up. Now he is ninth.

A scrambling of the feathers was forced, in part, by the retirement of once great fighter Vicente Saldivar. This made room for Bob Allotey. The extreme uncertainty of life in the ring is hinted by the appearance of Shozo Saijyo in the No. 10 spot.

Ben Villaflor, Philippines, became the new junior lightweight king by defeating Alfredo Marcano in 15 rounds.

U. S. BIG THREAT TO RUSSIA IN OLYMPICS

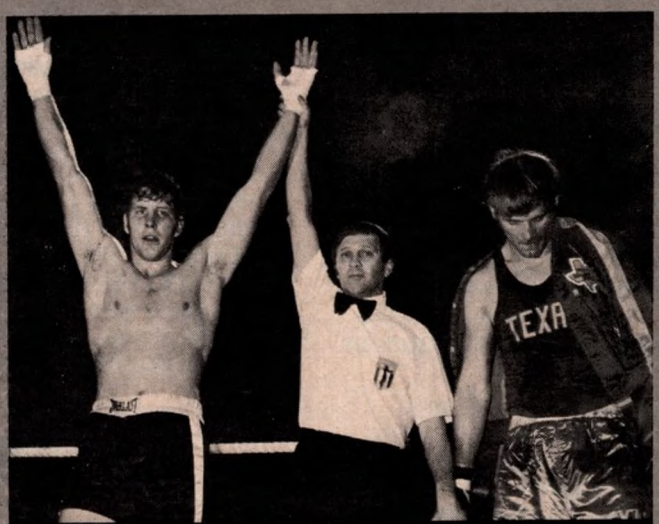
By GREG GALLO

IN this Olympic year, there's a fresh surge of enthusiasm in amateur boxing ranks as kids across the country compete with the hope of representing the United States at Munich this summer.

"Their goal is Munich," said Harry Forbes, chairman of the United States Olympic Boxing Committee and manager of the team that will box at the Olympic Games beginning August 27. "Only one amateur boxer in international competition has turned professional in the past 18 months. This shows that the kids are determined to go after the medals rather than the money."

The boys will have to work even harder in the coming months. It won't be an easy road to get to Germany. Hundreds of young fighters are in competition for the right to represent the United States. Only 11 boxers will survive the elimination tournaments.

Winners of the National AAU championships, the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions, Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force titleholders, and winners of an Eastern and Western Olympic regional tournament for those who do not win the other competitions move to the Olympic Trials at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Tex., July 19-22. The 11 divisional winners who emerge from the TCU tournament will have to fight once more, against challengers chosen by the Olympic Boxing Committee.



Duane Bobick, one of America's best Olympic hopes, has his hand raised in triumph by the referee after winning the Golden Glove Tournament of Champions heavyweight final from Steve Williams.

After two weeks of training, probably at Bear Mountain, New York, the 22 top amateur boxers in the U.S. will box-off for the right to go to Munich.

The 11 winners and alternates leave for Munich Aug. 18 and nine days later, the fighters begin what will be the longest competition at the Games, running 13 days, with two sessions per day except the finals on Sept. 9.

Although it's almost impossible to determine who the 11 finalists will be, it's a good bet several will come from the Olympic Potential Squad, which includes the 11 Pan American Games boxers, the 11 fighters who went to box in Poland and Germany and a few other highly regarded prospects picked by the OBC.

"We have a strong Potential team," said Forbes. "I would say, though, that the key to our success at the Olympic Games is desire. That's the big thing. The ones who want to work.

"I believe that Duane Bobick and Marvin Johnson have that desire. They're our best bets."

Bobick, nicknamed Mickey Mouse, has been a tiger in the ring. A native of Bowlus, Minn., Bobick stands 6-foot-3 and weighs about 205 pounds. A Quartermaster 3rd in the United States Navy stationed at Norfolk, Va., Bobick is the current All-Service champion, as well as the Pan American, National AAU and Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions heavyweight titleholder.

On a recent trip to England and Russia with the U.S. boxing team, Bobick won all four matches. He has not lost in over a year and on that occasion he was knocked out by Ron Lyle, an up-and-coming heavyweight who is undefeated as a pro.

Bobick has had over 70 fights, yet he won't be 22 until Aug. 24.

Johnson is an 18-year-old kid from Indianapolis, who is listed in the 165-pound middleweight class but holds the National AAU Senior championship, the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions and the North American championship as a light heavyweight (178 pounds).

Despite his youth, Johnson has already had experience fighting in Warsaw, Germany, England and Russia. He'd like to add to his travels with another stop in Germany.

Other hopefuls include Jesse Valdez, a 22-year-old now in the Air Force. Valdez, who fights at 147 or 156 pounds, was a national champion when he was 16. He is the current military champ at 156 and Golden Gloves at 147.

Bobby Lee Hunter offers a completely different story. He's been behind bars serving a sentence for manslaughter. But he gets out to fight and when he does, Hunter generally wins. Hunter has the desire but he needs more experience.

"He's a great kid," said Forbes. "He has to improve his skills more. He's a banger, but the key to amateur boxing is to build up points."

Hunter fights in the 112-pound class and along with 17-year-old Tim Dement, represents our best chance for a medal among the smaller boxers.

Dement, a student from Bossier City, La., is the

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NAPOLES DISPLAYS MUCH CLASS HALTING CHARLES

By EDDIE LONG

LONDON, ENGLAND – As expected, Cuban-born Jose Napoles, based in Mexico, kept his world welterweight title by beating British and Commonwealth champion Ralph Charles. Not many critics had given Charles a chance of going the distance. He was kayoed in seven.

Charles, normally a go-forward fighter, switched tactics to box on the retreat in an effort to take Napoles out of his stride. But it didn't work. True, he did make the champ miss, and he did catch Napoles with some accurate hooks to the chin, but Ralph's blows had no noticeable effect.

As soon as he saw which way Charles intended to conduct this contest, Napoles bided his time, shuffled after his man, and whenever blows were exchanged, the champ looked the stronger.

There was no question of Charles being outclassed. He did quite a bit on his own account, and earned applause every time he landed a scoring punch. But going backwards is something foreign to Ralph, and it also meant that Napoles had no need to worry about his own defenses. All he had to do was to keep after his man until the opening came.

Whether Charles would have succeeded in wearing his man down by these tactics we shall never know. Napoles, for all his 31 years, looked in control of the situation throughout.

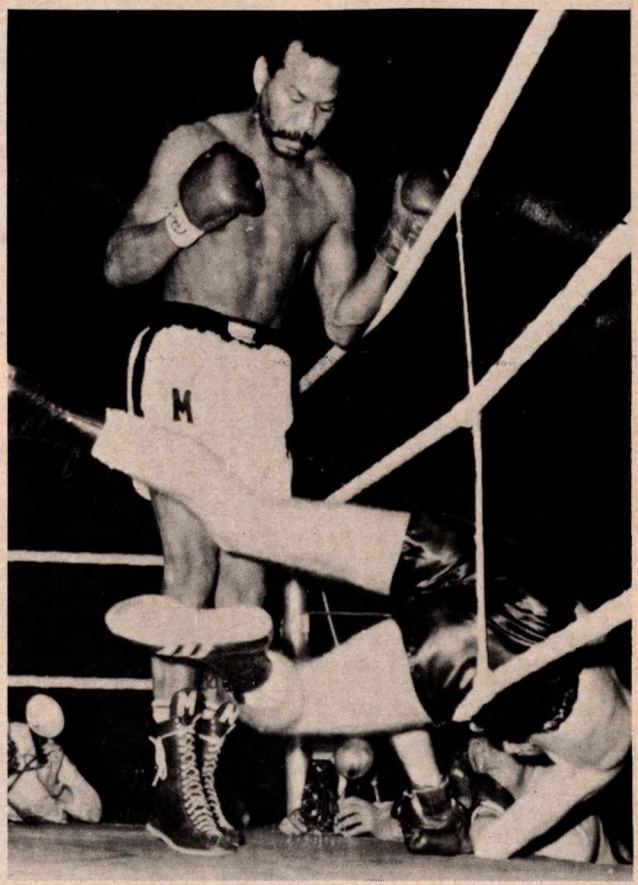
A body punch put Charles down in the fourth. He was caught off-balance by a right hand. Napoles wasn't always on target with his left-hooking. The challenger showed up well in the sixth, with encouragement from the fans, who cheered Ralph's slightest menacing movement, and there was no real indication of what was to come in the very next session.

Then it was that Napoles showed his class. Having maneuvered his man into position, over came a right to the jaw, followed by some quick combination punching that put Charles down. He tried hard to beat the count, but in vain, as referee James Brimmell tolled off the 10.

It all happened so quickly that the crowd was silent. But it soon was cheering Napoles for a competent performance. He did what he had to do without difficulty, and without having to reveal too much of his skill. Charles gave everything he had to find a way to beat the Mexican, but Napoles is a worthy champion, and one of the best ever in the welterweight division.

Napoles weighed 146¼, and Charles 147.

World lightweight champion Ken Buchanan made one of his rare appearances in a British ring and outpointed Canadian titleholder Al Ford. After ten rounds, referee Sid Nathan scored it 50-48½.



Ralph Charles topples through the ropes after being belted by welterweight king Jose Napoles in the sixth round. Napoles stopped his foe the following round.

British fans had looked forward to the visit of Ford, who has such a fine record, with only one previous defeat in 40 bouts. The Canadian revealed speed, fast punching and determination, but he is not a hard hitter, and Buchanan did not have to exert himself unduly.

Not a lot of incident in this bout. Ford used his long reach to advantage to catch Buchanan with flicking lefts to the face, and was always busy.

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Some action in the Ken Buchanan-Al Ford bout. Buchanan (right) captured the nod in the non-title 10-rounder.

EDDIE BORDEN, 1899-1972

By NAT LOUBET

EDDIE BORDEN, boxing manager, writer, editor, columnist for The Ring for many years prior to World War II, and expert on matters of chance, recently passed away in New York at age 73.

Borden died without a hat to wear. On the long trek from Philadelphia, where he was born, to New York, where his varied career came to rest, he was never seen to wear a hat.

What he did wear was an enthusiastic smile that welcomed friendship and caused people to like him who often disapproved of his somewhat peculiar way of life.

On the long road from Philadelphia, where he started out as the protege of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, considered by some as one of the greatest of all light heavyweights, Eddie developed a personality that made friends around the world, as well as enemies.

His was a split personality. He loved and hated and there was a large void in between that Eddie could never bridge nor could he find the shades or nuances that would enable him to mildly like or mildly dislike.

As a kid, he worked for O'Brien in his gym in Philadelphia and then came to New York where he helped out at O'Brien's health club.

It was at this time that he developed the two big interests in his life, boxing and betting. They grew on equal footing during his early years until wagering became a way of life with him, with his boxing interests secondary.

In his early New York days his path crossed with Nat Fleischer's and a friendship began that was terminated only by death.

Fleischer hired Borden to cover fights for him when Nat was the editor of the New York Telegram. The tab was $2.00 for each fight.

Eddie was quick to realize that he could be in only one place at a time, so he worked out a deal with Telegram delivery drivers, to cover fights for him and telephone the results to him at Lindy's restaurant.

There he would hang around with the people he enjoyed, people of all walks of life and types—actors and actresses, sportswriters and the betting fraternity.

Upon receipt of the fight information, Eddie would hasten to a nearby Western Union office where he would file results to Fleischer at the Telegram. Result—mucho dinero, mucho for those days.

When Fleischer started The Ring in 1922, Eddie was hired to cover the fight clubs and write a column for the new magazine. In 1925, when the ratings were begun, Eddie's expertise on fighters and their records stood him in good stead and Fleischer relied heavily on his knowledge.

He was shortly put in charge of the ratings. Some time later Fleischer himself took over the chore.

As the years crept by, Eddie took several sabbaticals from The Ring to manage fighters, make matches, publish his own publication, "Bang—Boxing's Weekly Wallop," and, "Weekly Boxing World," which ran for 66 issues, and "Weekly Boxing News," which was discarded by Borden for greener pastures.

He travelled extensively, becoming intimate with Jack Solomons, the British promoter, whom he represented for a brief time, and then became a small percentage partner in one of Solomons' betting emporiums, legal in England.

When World War II started, Eddie was back in New York doing what came naturally, betting. The first Louis-Conn fight cost him a bundle and he left New York for the Canadian Army, with whom he served through the war.

During his middle years he was responsible for helping put together many top fights, such as Gus Lesnevich—Freddie Mills.

When Mayor Wagner was boss in New York and the Mayor's Committee was studying off-track betting on horse racing, Eddie suggested to the Mayor that he study the British system which legalized betting on anything and not just the nags.

He won and lost several fortunes. His most recent position

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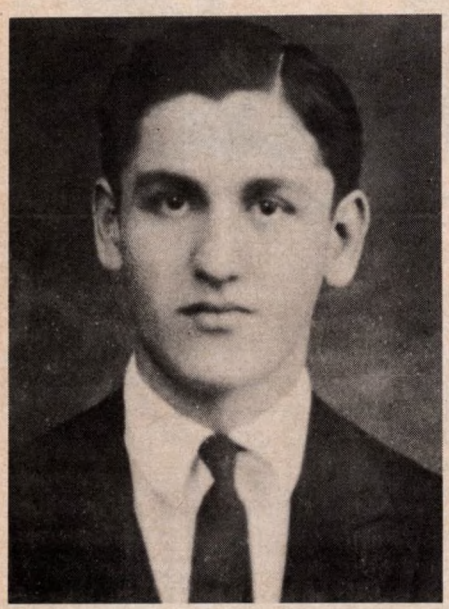
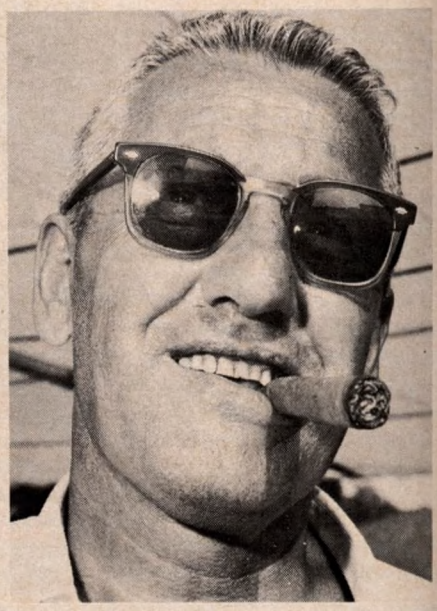




(Left) Eddie Borden as a young man. (Center) Borden smiles with a pack on his back as a member of the Canadian Army during World War II. (Right) An older Eddie with the ever present stogie.

CROWD, TOP WINNER, ALL BIG AT 46th NEW YORK GG

By JACK SMITH

PUNCHES and people poured into Madison Square Garden in record numbers at the 46th annual New York Golden Gloves finals. The crowd –20,129–was not only a complete sellout but also the biggest yet for a sports event at the new Garden.

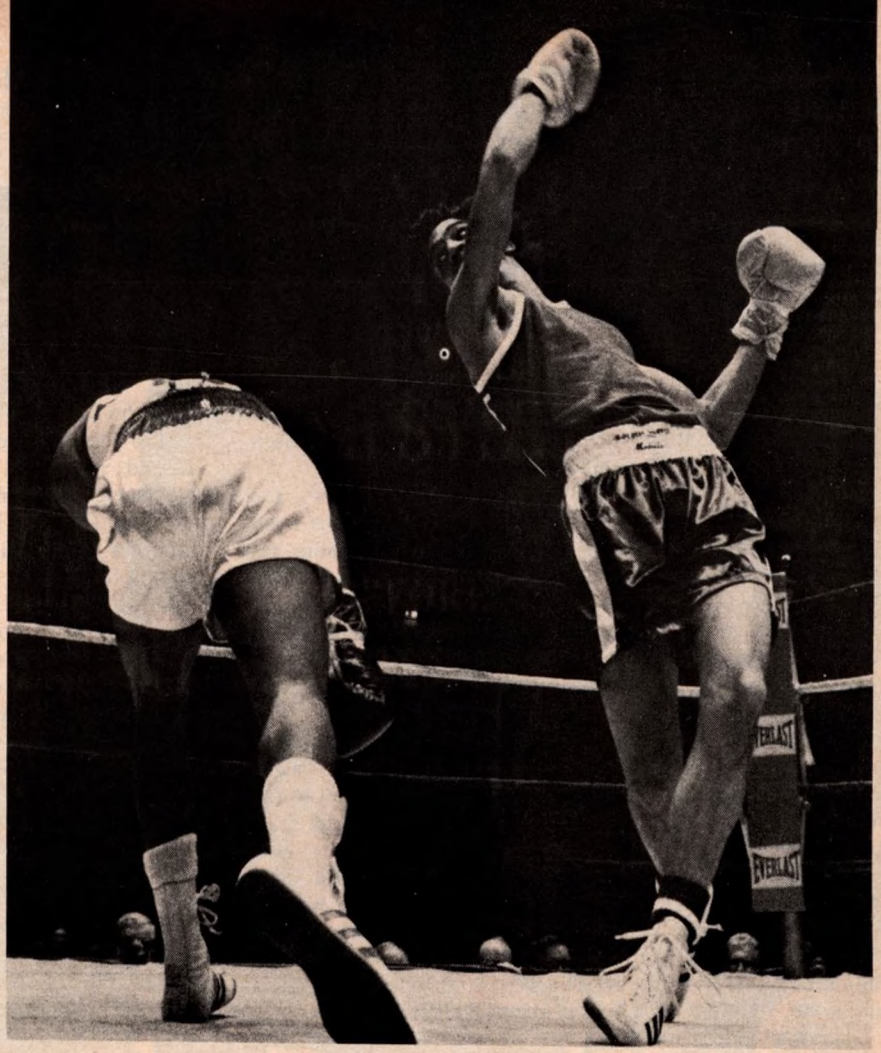
To add to the superlatives, among the stars on the 18-bout, all-championship card was 262-pound Leroy Jones, conceivably the biggest heavyweight in the amateur ring today. Jones, representing the Telestar AC, won the heavyweight Open championship.

Though the Golden Gloves is approaching the half century mark–it was first held in '27–it has lost none of its appeal. There is no let up in the fervor of the fans nor the fury of the contenders. The tournament is sponsored by the New York News Charities which contributes the net proceeds to charitable organizations.

The 1972 Gloves campaign was one of the best and scrappiest in recent years. The elimination schedule, beginning on February 7, involved 24 cards, including Quarterfinals and Semis, averaging 15 bouts per card. They were held in various community centers, parish halls and high school gyms throughout the city as well as at the Felt Forum, the main center of activity. Throughout the schedules, attendance maintained the peak of previous years.

The behemoth Jones topped an unusually good crop of Sub-Novice and Open heavyweights. Jones won the Sub-Novice title last year, has improved tremendously and is undefeated in two years of amateur campaigning. He carries his 262 pounds comfortably on a 6′ 3″ frame and is surprisingly quick and agile. Now 22, he played basketball and football at Boys High in Brooklyn.

His rival for the title was Nat Thompson, 195 pounder from NYC Recreation, a good ringster. He's a seasoned amateur campaigner, a good puncher who uses both hands well.



Dennis Freyre hits nothing but air with a wild right uppercut aimed at Roy Taylor in the 126-pound open title match. Taylor won.

Despite his considerable talents, however, Thompson couldn't handle Jones. The big boy kept moving in, shrugging off punches and pumping away with his giant arms. Thompson had a good first round but had little left for the second. Jones wore him down and stopped him at 1:57 of the second.

If the young battlers needed additional inspiration, they had it. It came from the knowledge that they were on review as prospects for the U.S. Olympic team.

Besides qualifying for the Olympic

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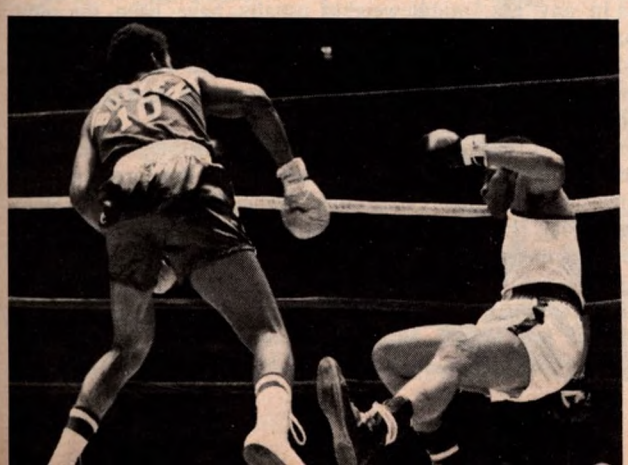
175-pound Sub-Novice champion Anthony Bullen belts Frankie White to the floor in the third round. Bullen won the judges' nod.



A left hook thrown by 262-pound Leroy Jones finds its mark on Nat Thompson's chin. Jones stopped Thompson in the second round.

CURRENT CHAMPIONS MERIT EVALUATIONS WITH PAST

By TED CARROLL

FOR the greater part of the half century following the birth of The Ring in 1922, American fighters have been predominant in the title rosters.

With only a couple of your Uncle Samuel's nephews, Joe Frazier and Bob Foster among the reigning kings, this is no longer the case. This international dispersal of champions has deluded statesiders into making unflattering comparisons with its champions of the past.

The fact that a champion's birthplace happens to be Scotland, Argentina, Venezuela, Japan or Mexico should never reflect on his ability, but such an attitude has been a U.S.A. complex.

A long time ago, a governor of New York, Alfred E. Smith, made an observation which may outlast his memory. "Let's take a look at the record," declaimed Al. When one goes to the records, the present day champions need not take back seats to those of any previous era.

The champions of the Roaring Twenties listed such legendary names as Dempsey, Tunney, Leonard, Greb, Walker, Villa and Dundee, all of whom merit their nostalgia-nourished reputations. They were succeeded by Louis, Canzoneri, McLarnin, Ross, Armstrong, Thil, Apostoli, John Henry Lewis and Conn, stalwarts of promoter Mike Jacobs' time.

The post war "Jim Norris Era" fielded some mighty men, Marciano, Sugar Ray, Williams, Charles, Cerdan, Moore, Gavilan, Pep and Saddler. These worthies made the Fifties a decade to be remembered.

But record-wise, the current kingpins yield nothing to these titans of days gone by. It has been routine for dwellers in the past to decry the opposition faced by the champions of whatever era. All a champion is required to do is to defeat the best men available and since there is no definite yardstick in matching the merits of his contenders with those of other times, that should be sufficient.

Today's title list is topped by a heavyweight champion who has never been beaten—Joe Frazier. Only one other champion of the past could make such a claim—Rocky Marciano. Unlike Rocky, who benefited by several close decisions, a couple in his early career and once with Roland LaStarza, there has been no doubt about any of the 27 victories tallied by the present champion.

Master propagandist Cassius Clay has weaved a world wide illusion that something was wrong with Frazier's decision against him, but no one looked more thoroughly convinced that he had lost than the former champion when he left the ring in March, 1971.

His fanatical followers, had the verdict been really disputable, would still be demonstrating. Instead, they left quietly, hung over by the pall of defeat.

At the recent New York Boxing Writers Dinner, James A. Farley, a boxing savant of long and honorable standing, declared that Joe Frazier belonged with the greatest champions, an opinion which is gaining more and more acceptance by the boxing cognoscenti.

Farley bracketed Frazier with Dempsey and what a clash a Dempsey-Frazier fracas would have been! However great his stature as a champion, no standout of the past including Louis and Marciano, could be considered a cinch against Smokin' Joe, who keeps the heat on every second he is in there.

The feats of the outstanding light heavyweights are often washed away in the wake of a disastrous try for the heavyweight crown. Exceptional boxers Georges Carpentier and Billy Conn are better remembered for their failures against Dempsey and Louis than for their superlative talents as light heavyweights. The same fate appears to be in store for Bob Foster, the current 175 king. He was so thoroughly destroyed by Frazier's left hook that the memory of his inert figure on the canvas obscures a record which is unequalled by any former champion in the division.

Foster never has been defeated by a light heavyweight in 51 contests. Only 12 opponents have survived the distance with him. All the others have been knockout victims. Foster's only defeats have been by heavyweights.

Foster boasts that "no light heavyweight can stand up to me, he has to run." Whatever one may think of the long and lean power puncher's bragadoccio the record book says he is right.

Thirteen successive knockouts preceded the Frazier debacle and since then, only Ray Anderson—by precipitate flight—has managed to hear the final bell with Foster.

Foster is a modern light heavyweight champion who would have been a problem for men of his weight at any time. Striking with rattlesnake deadliness, equally potent with either hand, even professional old timers concede he belongs with the best 175-pound champions after watching him blast terrified Vicente Rondon.

The most common complaint among decriers of the current crop of boxers has been directed against their crudity and lack of skill. On this score even the pickiest of purists should find little fault with lightweight champion Ken Buchanan.

Following Gov. Smith's advice, a look at the record discloses only one defeat in the Scotsman's career, to Miguel Velasquez for the European lightweight title in 1970. This was on the Spaniard's home grounds. Prior to this highly suspect setback, the wraithlike Buchanan, as hard to hit as the ghosts who haunt the Scottish castles, had gone through 33 contests without a defeat.

Those who long for exhibitions of the allegedly lost art of self defense need no longer rely upon reveries of the ring masters of yore, Buchanan has shown he can do just about anything with a pair of boxing gloves that the cleverest of them could do.

In any era, middleweights usually have been the most accomplished boxers, combining speed and power. The record book raises Argentina's Carlos Monzon right up there with the better ones, a most worthy representative of this popular division.

The six-foot middleweight faces a stern test in France's Jean Claude Bouttier but no foe has gone the limit with him since the late Eddie Pace turned the trick in July, 1970. Since that time, the referee has had to call a halt in all nine of the matches engaged in by the present 160-pound ruler.

Included in this rundown are the two preceding middleweight champions, Nino Benvenuti and Emile Griffith.

Like Bob Foster, Monzon's unusual height for his weight

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Ken Buchanan

PUNCH LINES

DOUBT TOKYO SCALES

I WENT for six dollars to watch the 15-round exhibition between Ali and Mac. I rarely get bored at a fight, no matter how slow the action. I expect more as the rounds go by, and how often have I been disappointed!

Ex– Clay was bad. Foster was worse. They announced that Muhammad weighed 226 pounds. I don't believe it, and hereby accuse the Japan scales of lieing.

If Clay did not weigh more than 230, he didn't weigh a pound. That guy is running into trouble, that is, if he means to fight Frazier again.

Victor Gollancz
Philadlephia, Pa.

URTAIN SAD DISAPPOINTMENT

Boxing in Europe surely has fallen to a low point. Imagine a guy like Urtain the champion of that part of the world.

I saw the Roman-Urtain thing in Puerto Rico. It was fun because I just had to laugh at the silly efforts of the Spanish stone heaver. If he is a fighter I am a painter in oils – and I never even painted my back door.

I went to San Juan for a vacation and I got it from a strange direction. This guy from Spain is a bum. He has learned next to nothing. By this time he should know how to defend himself, let alone how to jab over a wild hook.

What puzzled me was, how did Puerto Rico get Urtain and not Madison Square Garden, which could have built it into something big.

Gustave Gegenhard
Atlanta, Ga.

NO LIKE NEW YORK

New York ruined Philly in boxing, and now New York has been ruined by its tax laws, and Madison Square Garden has to live off a circus and hold its fights in a 4,000 seat arena in the basement.

I love this situation because I don't like New York. I don't like the way the Garden lorded it over the rest of the country, until the Frazier-Ali fight and the raid of the tax grabbers.

Please give my consolations to Mr. Markson and Mr. Brenner. I am laughing myself sick.

Phil Glassman
Villanova, Pa.

THE DEMPSEY–WILLS PHANTOM

A photograph of a Phantom Fight ticket in a recent issue of The Ring, reminded me that you once wrote that no tickets were issued for the Phantom Fight between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills.

Well, it so happens that I have a photograph of the ticket issued for the Dempsey-Wills Phantom Fight and I am sending you a photostatic copy of it to set the record straight.

Incidentally, Nat Fleischer wrote an editorial around April, 1925, deploring the fact that the Dempsey-Wills fight did not come off. He went on to say that Dempsey had been ill-advised and not to have fought Wills because Wills had bad hands.

James Trunes
Brooklyn, N.Y.

OPENING A CAN OF PEAS

In the December, 1971, issue of The Ring, Robert Ryan–who in a previous letter called the Dempsey-Firpo fight "pathetic"–compared Rocky Marciano, the greatest heavyweight of them all, unfavorably with Muhammad Ali by rating Marciano's opponents. Perhaps Mr. Ryan should examine some of Ali's opponents.

Compare Marciano with Doug Jones. Ali was lucky to gain a decision over Doug. Can you conceive of the Rock being bounced on his pants by Henry Cooper? In two bouts, Ali could not floor the fragile Briton. Surely Marciano would have demolished Floyd Patterson inside of six rounds. With Floyd hobbled by a back injury, Ali could not knock him off his feet, something even Pete Rademacher did!

Would the Rock have taken 15 rounds to defeat punching bag George Chuvalo, or the ineffectual Ernie Terrell? What about Karl Mildenberger, Jimmy Ellis, or Buster Mathis? Ali had to exert himself to defeat these journeymen, whom Marciano would have beaten in the same night.

Mr. Ryan brushes off Archie Moore by stating that a kayo punch on him would not have the same effect on Ali. I might remind him that it was three years after the Marciano fight that the old Mongoose got off the canvas four times to stop Yvon Durelle.

A man who calls the Dempsey-Firpo fight pathetic, or who says that Oscar Bonavena could have beaten Corbett, Fitzsimmons, and Dempsey all in the same night, had better open his eyes and study his boxing.

Robert Scudder
Ithaca, New York

THINKS FOREMAN IS READY

In your April edition, you questioned whether George Foreman is ready for a title match against Joe Frazier. In my opinion Frazier would be in for the time of his life against George. The fight would really be a test for Frazier, since the champ hasn't had a good match since he fought Ali.

Dick Sadler is moving too slowly with his fighter, and George would get much more experience by fighting a boxer in the top ten. If he won't bother Frazier yet he should go after Floyd Patterson or Jimmy Ellis.

Jerry Kondek
Lodi, N.J.

A MARCIANO BOOSTER

I enjoy reading Ring Magazine very much, I enjoy boxing. I think it's a great sport. One thing bothers me. Why is Rocky Marciano rated only 10th in Nat Fleischer's All Time lineup. I realize there have been some great champions, but even out of all these champs, Rocky must rate above 10th.

My own opinion is that Rocky was the greatest champion ever and I don't believe that there's another champ who could have licked him. He was a great boxer and person and never received the credit that was due to him.

Recently, Joe Frazier, on T.V. was asked by a person if he could beat Rocky. Joe replied, "Yes, I would probably knock him out." Laugh that one off.

Gerald Colucci
Long Beach, Calif.

MUHAMMAD'S BRITISH SUPPORTER

I am writing you concerning your policy of calling boxer Muhammad Ali by his former name, Cassius Clay, despite the fact that he no longer goes under that name. I find this totally ridiculous. True, it has been argued that he has not legally changed his name, but it seems to me that using an assumed name is very common in boxing. Among others who have changed their names are Joseph Barrow (Joe Louis), Arnold Cream (Jersey Joe Walcott), and Richard Ihetu (Dick Tiger). These are just 3 examples of the most common game in boxing, the name change game.

Most boxers change their name merely to make their names easier to pronounce, or as a publicity stunt, and you go right along with them, using their assumed names, but when a black man changes his name as a show of his deep religious beliefs, Ring Magazine, the "unprejudiced", refuses to accept this man's strong beliefs, and to use his real name, Muhammad Ali.

J. D. Metter
Oxford, England

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

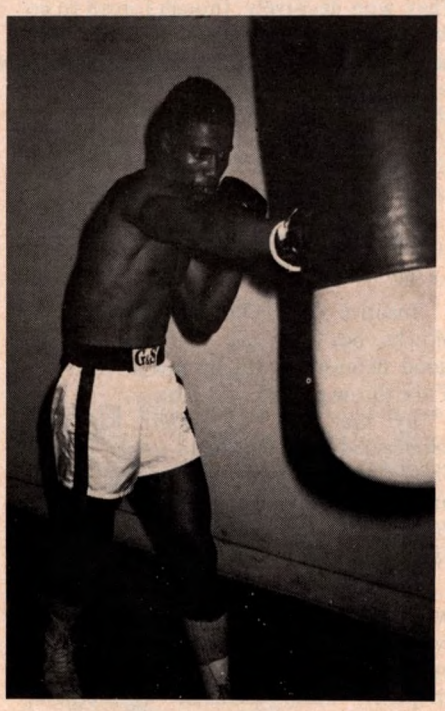
ODDITY OF THE MONTH – Waltham, Mass. was the site of a bizarre happening. An 8-round bout between local heavyweight Doug Kirk and Canadian Jack Mitchell was ruled no contest after a bomb threat halted the match after four rounds. The auditorium was cleared and searched for 30 minutes. No bomb was found.

Two outstanding boxers making a big noise in the New York-New Jersey area are middleweight Vito Antuofermo and light heavyweight Willie Mack. Both boys are managed by Tony Carione and Ray Skarica. Vito, originally from Bari, Italy, won the 147-lb. sub-novice Golden Gloves title in 1970 in New York and was a finalist in the 1971 open class. Antuofermo's record as a pro is four wins and one draw. Mack, a Mississippi boy, started as a pro in 1971 and has a record of four wins and one loss. Both boys train at the Queens gym under the direction of Willie Felice and Mickey LaRosa.

The Nebraska Legislature repealed state laws prohibiting championship boxing for the Frazier-Stander heavyweight title bout held in Omaha. The repealed statutes had called for the jailing of fighters, and also fines and jail terms for promoters, trainers, backers, referees and reporters writing about the fight. The vote was 30-3 in favor of repeal.

Eugene Hart will be on the shelf for awhile, according to a Pennsylvania Commission statement, in which it said Hart "complained of blurred vision and persistent headaches". Commission doctor Wilbur Strickland stated, "I find him (Hart) not to be in good enough physical condition to engage in a match with anyone at this time". He also recommended neurological consultation.

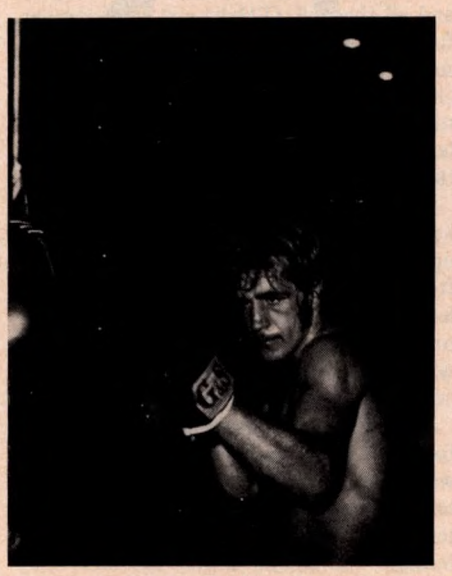
A press release from Harold Gunn, the manager and trainer of Nate Robinson, shows him to be a man of great class. His release is quoted as follows: "Nate Robinson, California 147 lb. champion and 9th ranked world contender has been suffering from what resembles an inner ear infection, among other symptoms, for a little over one year. Efforts to cure have not been successful . . . and innumerable tests by doctors and sophisticated machines have failed to pinpoint the disorder. I have made the decision to place Robinson on a lay-off after his last fight, and will not allow Nate to fight again until he is able to train properly. Efforts are presently being made to get Robinson into the UCLA Medical Center where perhaps diagnosis and treatment can be accomplished".



WILLIE MACK

Argentine heavyweight Pedro Lovell returned to the scene of his father's greatest triumphs, the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium. Built in 1925, it was the site of the 1932 Olympic boxing championships. Pedro's father, Alberto, won a medal in those games. Pedro is now making L.A. his home and sports a 6-0 record as a pro.

Boxing is on the comeback in Chicago with two outfits running shows. Veteran boxing promoters Irving Schoenwald and Ben Bentley are holding forth in the famous Mill Run Theatre in nearby Niles, headlining ex-junior welterweight king Eddie Perkins. While in downtown Chicago, newcomers Cesar Dovalina, Baltazar Luna and Fernando Brieto are doing well with a strong Spanish following.



VITO ANTUOFERMO

CHATTER . . . What's with New York heavyweight James Woody? Can't get a bout in the New York area. Keeps on losing the tough ones on the road . . . Levie Kanes working miracles in Costa Rica with his promoting of Jose Marin and William Martinez . . . Boxing is faring well in Baltimore with the emerging of heavyweight Larry Middleton; middleweights Ralph Palladin and Josh Hall; welterweights Buddy Boggs, Alvin Anderson and Vernon Mason . . . Neighboring Washington D. C. coming along fine with Roland Pryor, Johnny Gant, Adrian Davis, and promoter Paul Tibbs' new fine undefeated heavyweight, G.G. Maldonado . . . Portland, Ore., manager Mike Morton may be next year's Manager of the Year. His tigers, Andy Kendall and Ray Lampkin, are top-ranked, and veteran Richard Sue is coming back strong . . . The Oklahoma Journal gave promoter Pat O'Grady an award for special services to the sport of boxing in Oklahoma during 1971 . . . Rumor has it that the Miami Beach Auditorium may soon become a theatre, ruling out anymore sporting events for the Beach's punch palace. All non-theatrical events would be staged in the larger Convention Hall next door . . . Chris Dundee is now promoting both boxing and wrestling at the Miami Seaquarium on Key Biscayne. The stadium holds better than 10,000 for boxing, with the ring set up on a barge in front of the stadium on the bay. A very picturesque site indeed . . . The Nassau Coliseum in Long Island is pricing itself out of the boxing business. The rental tab is over $8,000 for the building for one evening . . . Actor Frankie Avalon has been signed to play Willie Pep in the boxer's film bio . . . Middleweight Pierre Langlois, 47, who once fought for the world title, died in his hometown of LeHavre, France . . . British bantamweight Brian Packer fell into a hole while working as a pipeline welder, and injured his knee. He may never box again . . . A Tokyo doctor measured the power of Cassius Clay's punch and stated that former junior welterweight king Paul Fujii could punch harder.

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Finals Trials through the National AAU championships, the New Yorkers might also qualify through the Eastern Regional tryouts. The Finals Trials will be held in Fort Worth, July 19-22. The Eastern Trials come in June.

Jones was not the only Olympic prospect uncovered at the Gloves Finals. There was the 118-pound Open champ, Richie Harris, 17, who earned a stirring ovation after a spectacular victory over Phil Purdon. However, lack of seasoning and experience may label young Harris for the '76 rather than the '72 Olympics.

There was Roy Taylor, Harris's Wagner Center team mate, who won the 126 Open title, in a closer match than expected against Dennis Freyre from the Bronx. Taylor is a veteran of international competition, has trained with the Olympic Potential Squad, and has competed against Ireland, England, Romania and the USSR.

Hernando Molyneaux, 175 Open, and Eddie Gregory, 147 Open, successfully defended titles they won a year ago and figure prominently in the bidding for Olympic berths. Molyneaux, like Harris and Taylor has been developed by Bobby Lewis, U.S. Olympic coach as well as chief tutor at Wagner Center. Gregory, a stand up, straight punching and hard hitting welter, is a product of the PAL.

Charles Hunter, PAL, trying for a third straight 106-pound title and potential top Olympic prospect, was a hapless victim. He suffered an eye cut in an early first round exchange. He was not allowed to continue against Dave Williams, a comer from the Islip (Long Island) Recreation Department.

Completing the roster of Open champs were: Tom Chestnut, PAL, 160; Jim Brackett, PAL, 135; and Johnny Britt, Telestar AC, 112. The PAL won the Open team championship with Wagner second and Telestar third.

There was a plentiful supply of outstanding Sub-Novice prospects, most of them at the 16 and 17 year levels. These included the champs: Marty Rodriguez, West Side AC, 106; Dave Capo, NYC Recreation, 112; Pete Rivera, NYC Recreation, 118, and Bob Alexander, PAL, 126.

Best of the Sub-Novice prospects was middleweight Mike Bowser, PAL, who won the title with a third round knockout. Bowser is a big hitter with either hand. He stopped four of his five opponents in the tournament. Ernie Johnson, PAL, won the 147 title with a first round finish. Ernie has an explosive left hook. A hook to the body clinched the crown for him.

The Sub-Novice heavies, Earlous Tripp and Kevin Isaac, both NYC Recreation Department, were impressive. Tripp took the decision and the title in a busy three-rounder.

The other two Sub-Novice champs were Anthony Bullen, NYC Recreation, 175; and Gil Gonzalez, Empire SC, 135. They won decisively, though forced to go the distance against stubborn rivals. The Sub-Novice team championship went to NYC Recreation with the PAL second and Empire SC third.

NAPOLES DISPLAYS MUCH CLASS HALTING CHARLES

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Inactive for six months, Ken opened slowly, but soon got his range, and his good defense eventually saw a frustrated Ford throw several wild blows.

By the fifth the pattern had been established, and Buchanan forced it more from then on. Ford tired in the eighth, and took some hurtful body punches from the champ, who was now giving the fans evidence of why he holds the title.

In the final round a cheeky champion was beckoning Ford to come forward, but the Canadian didn't have too much energy left. His left jabs were less frequent, and Buchanan was banging away with both hands, freely.

After it was all over Ford thanked Buchanan, an appreciation of being permitted to meet the world champ, from whom he must have learned a great deal.

Joe Bugner, St. Ives, 219½, came back with a bang to blast American Brian O'Melia, 194, in three rounds. A fine return after three months inactivity owing to a broken jaw suffered against Larry Middleton. Joe's jaw took a couple of hefty whacks, and took them well, which must have been very satisfying to his connection.

Bugner had all the physical advantages, and all the skill. O'Melia just kept coming forward hopefully, but once Joe had summed up the situation he came in close, and hooked away with both hands to the body. In the second round three lefts were followed by a right to the face that put O'Melia on the canvas.

He rose at "three," but didn't look too happy. In the next session Bugner kept up the pressure, with little resistance from the American, who took another left to the jaw. This time he rose at nine, only to walk into a hail of leather, and with Bugner banging away at will in a corner, the referee intervened.

A satisfying performance by the former British, European and Commonwealth champion, who now seems able to relax more, instead of showing the tenseness that had affected him in recent bouts.

The most promising heavyweight in Britain just now must be 20-year-old John Conteh, Liverpool, who now scales 182½, and who overwhelmed Ruben Figueroa, Puerto Rico, 178½, with a two-rounds kayo.

Figueroa had previously gone the full distance with Southern Area cruiserweight champion Johnny Frankham, but the lethal punching of Conteh was far too much for the Puerto Rican.

Chalking up his eighth successive victory, Conteh wasted no time once he had got close enough. A right to the body shook Figueroa in the opening session, Conteh kept punching, and down went Figueroa for four.

Conteh chased his man incessantly in the second, eventually landing a solid left hook that sent the Puerto Rican on his way to the canvas. Before he got there Figueroa was caught with a right to the jaw.

He struggled to rise, but couldn't make it in time. There were just 15 seconds of the round to go.

Dennie Flynn, Enfield, 130, was lucky to get a draw with Billy Waith, Cardiff, 129, over eight. Waith's skill and accuracy of punching was in direct contrast to the persistent forcing tactics of Flynn, but the latter tired in the closing stages, and was floored twice.

Alan Burton, Battersea, 200, outpointed Del Phillips, Cardiff, 200, by 29½-29¼ over six hectic rounds. Both showed facial damage.

U. S. BIG THREAT TO RUSSIA IN OLYMPICS

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outstanding light-fly (106 pounds) in the country. He was unable to compete in the Pan American Games last summer because of his age. He's eligible for Munich.

If these fighters qualify for the team, the U.S. will have a solid nucleus. Bobby Lewis, head coach of the team, says he'd like to win six gold medals and beat the record of five set at Helsinki in 1952. The coach of that team was Pete Mello, who started Lewis working at the C.Y.O.

Lewis' optimism may be a bit far fetched, especially against such tough competitors like the Russians, Hungarians and Poles. But according to the Sovietski Sport, a Russian newspaper, the Americans will be the team to beat at the Olympics.

"The victory with a large score in the Moscow meetings," said the story after the recent U.S.-Russian competition, "should not be considered too optimistic. The Americans are always strong opposition in the Olympics."

READ THE RING

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

CHICK Wergeles, who was on the sports beat for more than 60 years, recently passed away at the age of 81. Ran into Wergeles a few weeks ago and he was full of pep. A bleeding ulcer killed him.

Chick served in many branches of publicity and was the first to be associated with the New York Giants football team when Billy Abbott was head of the publicity staff. He handled publicity when Tim Mara, owner of the Giants, was in the boxing business. He never stopped plugging boxing and in his last position, as drum beater for the Yonkers Raceway. Wergeles also did publicity for Roosevelt Raceway.

In boxing, he was one of the managers when Beau Jack became lightweight champion of the world. He also was closely associated with the late Al Weill, who managed many champions, including Rocky Marciano, Lou Ambers and Marty Servo.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, three sons, James, associated with the Knicks, Edward, affiliated with Forbes Magazine, and Charles, and three daughters, Ruth, Muriel and Bernice.

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One of the veterans whom we run into very often, either in Jack Dempsey's, at Ring #8 or in the Garden, is Johnny Green, Harlem bantam between 1918 and 1929. Johnny will be 70 in August.

Among those whom Green tangled with were the late Tony Canzoneri, Kid Chocolate, Vic Barrone, Greenwich Villager whom he clashed with three times, and Pete Zivic, Pittsburgh bantam, brother of Fritzie Zivic, who became welter king. . .Remembers his first amateur fight in 1918 with the late Frankie Genaro. . .Closed out his ring career with three skirmishes in Australia.

Green had three managers, Little Joe Wagner, Jack Bulger and Champ Segal.

Green then disappeared from the fistic scene to enter the music business, with which he was associated from 1931 to 1956. In 1931 he gave boxing lessons to Rudy Vallee, Bing Crosby and Ozzie Nelson. Yussel Levy and he had a gymnasium in 1932 on 52nd St. around the corner from CBS, then based at 48th St. & Madison Avenue. He became president of Veteran Boxers' Association Ring #8 in 1955.

Green's best story is about his first ten round bout, at the Broadway Arena, in Brooklyn, with Phil Franchini. He decked Franchini in the second round but says after Phil got up he got a terrific lacing. Johnny went the ten rounds, lost decision and went into hiding for several days. Ray Arcel was his second.

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On the fistic beat in the Garden ran into Victor Corchado, Puerto Rico featherweight, who was quite a scrapper from 1937 to 1943, engaging in more than 100 fights. Now 52 years old, Corchado told us he was managed by the late Bobby North, with Nick Florio as his trainer. Served in the Navy and now a dental mechanic. He is chairman of the Puerto Rican Fighters Guild of New York.

JOHNNY GREEN

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One of the most popular specials in boxing is John P. Daly. Daly started as a special cop with the 8th Avenue Garden and now in the same capacity at the new spot arena, his tenure so far, 41 years. Now 65, John also functioned in the same capacity at the Commonwealth S.C., New Star Casino, Manhattan Casino, St. Nicholas Arena, as well as at fights staged in the Yankee Stadium and the now razed Polo Grounds.

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Whenever you run into Jack Barrett, Alex Koskowitz' sidekick, you'll invariably catch up with someone hooked up with the glove industry. That's what happened in The Ring offices when we saw Barrett with Patrick O'Grady. . .O'Grady has been affiliated with the game for 30 years, since he was 11 years old. He's been a promoter and manager. He saw action as a lightweight, welter and middleweight. Says Pinky George, veteran boxing promoter, started him as a promoter in 1946 at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He has promoted in California and Texas and for the last three years in Oklahoma City, where he staged the first world's championship match ever held in that state between Bob Foster and his protege, Brian Kelly. O'Grady's wife Jean has been his business associate. . .Speaking of Kelly, who was with him, Brian, who fought Jimmy Ellis as an amateur, won the Tony Zale Award in Chicago and the Sonny Ingram award in Memphis. Started as a middleweight and now a light heavyweight. Brian, who is now 33, has been a pro for eight years.

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The name Vern DePaul may not strike a bell but he's well known in fistic circles. He became a fight bug because his uncle, Patsy Perroni, of Cleveland, now living in New Jersey, once boxed Joe Louis and among his ring victims were Mike McTigue and Tony Galento. DePaul is an active manager, although he is a salesman for Kraft. He's the man behind Chu Chu Malave, the Greenwich Villager, who has been a pro for the past two years. DePaul has known "Chu Chu" since the boy was ten and spent years in teaching him the fundamentals of the game.

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One of the parties recently tossed at Jack Dempsey's at which Harry Stickevers and others in boxing were present was the wedding reception, in advance, of Anthony Neste, Jr. and Marily Hodges. The father of the groom is Anthony 'Fritzie' Neste

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CLAY STOCK DROPS AFTER PERFORMANCES IN JAPAN AND CANADA

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Insofar as the attitudes of most of the fight fans are concerned, Frazier and Clay are resisting a handicap.

The fans know that the match has been made. They expect it, they feel they are entitled to it, and they are getting sick and tired of the stage dressing now going on.

The fans do not believe that while Joe and Clay put in paid waiting time they are likely to risk their big bonanza. This is not good for boxing.

An interesting development is the return of Las Vegas as a big money factor in boxing.

The Nevada slot machine headquarters has been slipping and it needs big publicity badly.

Bill Miller, who has been promoting there in a small way, is reported to be the prime mover in the big dough renaissance. He wants the Quarry brothers for a doubleheader on closed circuit TV.

With New York handcuffed by a tax situation, and Los Angeles waiting for Clay and Frazier, there is a big opening for a third entry, and Las Vegas is about to seize the opportunity.

There is a situation on the Frazier side which conceivably has received too little attention.

The world champion is under contract to Cloverlay, Inc., which reportedly gets 45 percent of his earnings, to 1974.

The scuttlebut here is that Joe has been arguing for a bigger return. Arrangements of that type inevitably lead to hassles if the fighter makes good.

One of those quarrels broke out between Cassius Clay and his Louisville syndicate. The contract finally expired and Cassius was left free to concentrate on his association with the Black Muslims and the Chicago prophet, Elijah Muhammad.

Clay owed much to his syndicate, just as Joe owes a lot to Cloverlay. It put Frazier on a weekly stipend, lifting him out of a $75 job with a packing outfit.

Yancy Durham also figures in the Cloverlay arrangement, which is a very cozy one for the trainer-manager.

An unusual feature of this issue of The Ring is a collection of photographs of Clay made during his stay in Tokyo.

He is shown on the crowded Ginza. He is walking among the people, picking pretty girls out of the crowd. He is shown at his ease among the geisha girls. He is watching karate stars, wrestling with an amateur.

The charisma which has made Clay so popular, in spite of his refusal to serve in the Army, stands out prominently.

If Clay visits New York, he walks down Fifth Avenue and is a hale fellow, well met, with anybody who wants to stop him.

If Frazier comes to New York he goes into virtual hiding. . Call him at his hotel and he is "in conference".

FOSTER READY FOR FRESH ASSAULT ON HEAVYWEIGHTS

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I would like to see him let me bang him around the body like he does with some of these guys, he'd be wearing a body cast for months. I'd also like to see him drop his hands and try and pull his head out on me. He might find his reflexes a fraction of a second to slow for my hands and wind up on the "Foster Express" to the canvas.

There have been 26 Foster victims since I lost to Folley in 1965, and I stopped 24 of them. A guy can learn a lot, especially when he likes being called the champion of the world and appreciates all the things in life that go with the title.

I'm the complete fighter for the first time in my career. I could always punch since I was a kid but now I know what to do with it and I don't waste anything.

When I fought Jones, Terrell and Folley, I was too green to cope with them and who cared about anything else in those days but making a few extra bucks? I wish I knew then, what I know now.

I want to thank The Ring for sticking with me as champion but since I don't want the WBA taking any more titles aways from me out of the ring, I guess I'll have to fight Mike Quarry, their number one contender, soon.

Then maybe they'll set up an elimination between Andy Kendall, Chris Finnegan, the European champion, Jimmy Dupree and Mark Tessman to come up with another contender. Then there are some good contenders like John Griffin and Bossman Jones who might deserve a shot. After that, where can I go?

I'm proud of the fact that I broke Archie Moore's all-time light heavyweight record for title defenses when I exposed the WBA idea of a champion; Vicente Rondon, in two rounds. It's my second milestone as a pro. My first, of course, was winning the title from Dick Tiger in 1968.

I guess my third milestone will be to prove myself against a rated heavyweight so that I can make another try for the heavyweight crown.

When the time comes for me to take another crack at the big boys, be it Patterson, Bonavena, Ellis, Clay or someone else, you can be sure that Bob Foster, who can punch with any of them, will be ready.

RONDON NO MATCH FOR BOB FOSTER

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canvas. He arose at the count of three but referee Cy Gottfried gave him the mandatory eight count.

The truth of it is that Rondon appeared scared to death. This in spite of the fact that he had won 22 straight. It was his first light heavy defeat after 37 victories.

For Foster it was 26 out of 27, the lone defeat being the KO by Frazier.

Foster was most uncomplimentary to Rondon as a fighter and called him just about the most stupid light heavy he had encountered. This may have traced to Bob's ire against Vicente for hitting on the break in the second round.

"My right hand set him up for the left hook each time," Foster explained.

"I knocked him out too soon. I wanted him to last the 15 rounds, so I could give him the beating of his life. I hate Rondon and I hate the WBA for that stupid decision that it had taken the title from me and given it to Rondon."

If Rondon had won, there would have been a serious rhubarb. Vicente did not qualify for the light heavyweight title. He came in at 177 pounds. He may even have weighed 180 before he spent two hours in the Doral Country Club steam room.

Eventually, the Miami Beach Commission qualified Rondon with the explanation that the scales had been faulty.

The promoters still are in a daze. They could not explain why only 6,131 paid to see the fight and that the gate was less than $70,000.

CLAY WALTZ DISAPPOINTS JAPANESE

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Clay said that he really had expected to win in five but when the fight went into the sixth and seventh rounds he stopped trying to stop the Californian.

Cassius raised the pace in the 11th. In the 12th, Foster's left eye barely was a slit.

The Foster contingent hollered a little in the 15th when their man danced around Clay and showed some life. But it was too little and too late.

Cassius was a comedian as usual. He paraded around the ring before the fight, showing a card labelled 5, which later was used to notify the crowd that round No. 5 was next.

Clay intended to tell the fans that 5 would be the end.

But 6, 7 and 8, right through 15, also appeared, and the experts were left wondering what they had seen and what the fight meant in so far as Clay's chances against Joe Frazier in their return fight.

BOXING WRITERS BRING FIESTA BACK TO N.Y.

By SAM TAUB

THEY brought the annual Boxing Writers Dinner back to little old New York, having been in the country for three years, and some 300 folks were present, in the Roosevelt Hotel.

From all standpoints, it was a success, one of the best boxing dinners in years. M.C. Bill Lyons turned in a slick performance.

The upper dais was featured by Joe Frazier, heavyweight king, who won the Edward J. Neil Award for the second time. . .Garden matchmaker, Teddy Brenner, who received the coveted James J. Walker Trophy for meritorious service. . . and Yancy Durham, Frazier's manager, who for the second time received the Al Buck Award.

There were special awards, too. One went to Herman Taylor,.venerable boxing impressario from Philadelphia, another to Chris Dundee, from the Miami sector, equally well known as a promoter. . . another to Dr. A. Harry Kleiman, of the State Athletic Commission, and the other to Toots Shor, accepted by his son Rory, as being a No. 1 fight fan.

The dais also housed Barney Nagler, the outgoing president, who received a traveling bag, the new head man, Bill Gallo of the News, Dick Young, James A. Farley, Chairman Edwin Dooley, of the State Athletic Commission, Harry Markson, President of Madison Square Garden Boxing Dept., Marvin Kohn, of the State Athletic Commission, Jack Dempsey, Boxing Commissioner Albert Berkowitz, John Condon of the Garden publicity staff and Sam Taub.

The second dais showed former

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The ol' Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey, congratulates Joe Frazier on his receiving the Edward J. Neil Memorial Award for 1971 at the recent Boxing Writers Association Dinner in New York.

PUERTO RICO NOT MERRY FOR URTAIN

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico – In Hiram Bithorn Stadium, Joe (King) Roman surprised the experts by scoring a unanimous ten round decision over European heavyweight titleholder Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain before 9,000 fans. Equally surprising was the style of fighting employed by Roman.

It was felt that his best strategy was to stab and run as much as possible against the bull-like rushes of the Basque. Instead, Roman fought a good part of the bout within punching range but close enough so that the Spaniard's roundhouse swings could not do much damage.

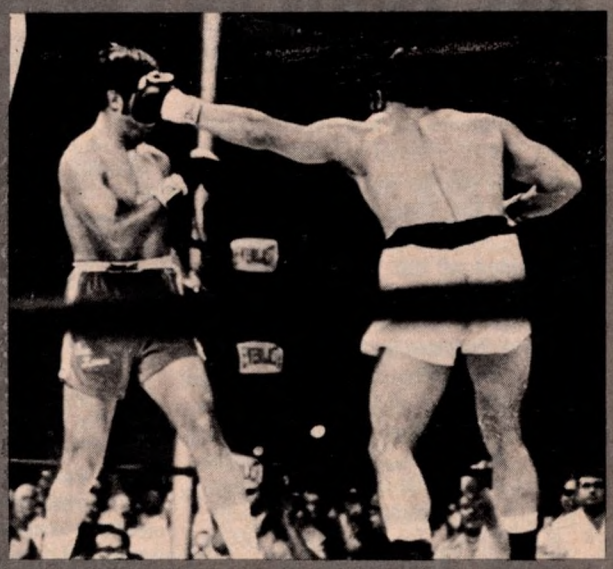
The early part of the bout was a see-saw affair with Roman taking the lead as the lumbering Urtain could not match his speed.

However, in the fourth heat a nasty cut over Roman's left eye slowed him down a bit and by the sixth Urtain had evened up the score and was heading towards victory. He hurt Roman with his club-like hooks.

The tide of battle turned definitely in favor of Roman in the seventh when he cut Urtain below the right eye. A tiring Urtain ran out of gas from the pummelling that Roman meted out to the body and ribs.

Urtain had no defense for this body attack and was wobbly a couple of times.

Credit must be given to "cut-man" Lou Gross who did a magnificent job with Roman as well as to Manager Bill Daly's maneuvering to get his man this bout.



Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain sticks a flat-footed jab into the face of Joe (King) Roman in the third round of their 10-rounder at San Juan's Hiram Bithorn Stadium. Roman received a unanimous decision.

The voting was unanimously in favor of Roman with referee Waldemar Schmidt voting 99-94, judge Soto 98-92 and judge Fernandez 97-93. The writer had it 97-95 for Roman.

In a semi-ten, heavyweight Willie Johnson outpointed Brian O'Melia. A third ten saw Gregory Benitez get up from the canvas to beat fellow lightweight Angel Rivera.

Middleweight Hector Salaman TKOed Sammy Gonzalez in 2:00 of the third. Lightweight Angel Rosa was too strong for Jose Crispin. This one ended in 1:31 of the second.

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OLD BROADWAY

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Harry Ebbets, the "Freeport Blond," former middleweight, has a new vocation. Harry is a guard with the Burns Detective Agency working at the Franklin Savings Bank office in Wantagh, L.I. The man noted as a dynamic right hand puncher had quite a career. He had 189 pro fights and admits he was an amateur for one engagement. He started as a 130 pounder, then a welter, later middleweight and then boxed light heavies. His toughest scrap, he says, was with Maxie Rosenbloom, when "Slapsie" Maxie was light heavyweight king. Harry says he was never kayoed and suffered only 13 setbacks, three of which he reversed. His managers were the late Eddie Walker and Ike Dorgan.

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The New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame will have its annual get-together at Diamond Jim's in Matawan, N.J., of which Adrian Bailey is president and founder. Syd Peskin, the New York fighter once managed by K.O. Phil Kaplan, informs us that the honorees will be Kaplan, who was born in Newark, a terrific left hook specialist, Tippy Larkin, lightweight in his day from Garfield, N.J., "Jersey" Joe Walcott, Owen McCabe, Mickey Fox, Joey Harrison and Johnny "Kid" Alberts. Only New Jersey born fighters are eligible for honors.

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The name George Seabrook may not strike a bell. But Baby Beau Jack, from the Bronx, will. That was his fighting name. Trained at the Tremont Gym in the Bronx and was managed by Dick Bruno. He developed Sandy Saddler, who went on to become featherweight king. Boxed from 1952 to 1966, always as a feather, although he tangled with lightweights, Baby Beau is single and 34. Namesake Beau Jack, later lightweight king, when he was fighting in the Garden. His trainers were Bruno and Mike Neile. Jack is working for the post office assigned to the Custom House.

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Ring #8, now headed by Ruby Goldstein, held a memorial for the late Lew Burston, which was very touching. A tremendous turnout. Credit for the tribute goes to Mickey Shaw. Jersey Jones of The Ring, and his wife, were among those present. Dr. Hazel Jerome, Burston's daughter, presented to Ring 8 an American flag, which had draped his coffin, as a veteran of World War I. Charles Gellman, Director of the Jewish Memorial Hospital, accepted the flag in behalf of Ring #8.

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Al Certo, famous tailor to celebrities at Secaucus, N.J., who is a real fight buff, has a new prospect. Willie Frankie Carter, a lightweight from New Jersey, twice Golden Gloves champion, is his new protege.

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Jack Dempsey headed the array of five champions and other sports personalities at a dinner given in his restaurant by Jimmy O'Connor, of the Hartz Mountain Products Corp. of Bloomfield, N.J., who is a member of Ring #8. Besides Dempsey, the other champions were Lou Salica, Phil Terranova, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Petey Scalzo and Tommy Loughran, who came in from Philadelphia. Also gracing the dais was Jack Amiel, Dempsey's business associate who once won the Kentucky Derby with Count Turf. Others from boxing were Bud Dempsey, K.O. Phil Kaplan, and Pete Shapiro. The dinner was for members of the Western Teamsters Union. Oliver Traweek, Mike Granecick, Earl Houston and his wife Myrle, Andy Anderson, Tony Bubenas, Walter Farrell, Pat Sullivan, John Greeley, John Nabors and Steve Martin, former heavyweight boxer from Camden, N.J., whose sister, Sister Theresa, a nun, completed the ensemble.

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As we were closing out we heard of three of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 members having been hospitalized at the Brooklyn Veterans Hospital. Little Joe Kane, Chic McCormack and Sam Woods.

PUERTO RICO NOT MERRY FOR URTAIN

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▲At Ponce, former lightweight titleholder, Carlos Ortiz, 140¾, scored his sixth consecutive knockout in his comeback when he kayoed an unknown quantity by the name of Junior Varney, 141, in 1:52 of the second round before 3,500 fans.

Of the fight itself there is not much to be said. A left hook to the jaw followed by a right was all that Ortiz needed to flatten his inexperienced rival. Varney proved as inept as Ortiz's previous "rival", Leo Di Fiore, a junior lightweight from Maine who had suffered a kayo a month before his Ortiz encounter.

The fans were disappointed with the inept performance of Varney and feel that it is time Ortiz started facing opponents of better calibre, instead of stiffs.

CURRENT CHAMPIONS MERIT EVALUATIONS WITH PAST

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puts rivals at a disadvantage. While he does not frontline Foster's firepower, he is still very dangerous with a sneak right, which explodes unexpectedly.

Cuba lays claim to the current welterweight titleholder and on the basis of ability, Jose Napoles is worth the honor. Napoles is an anachronism whose ringmanship would have meshed nicely with the boxing techniques of the Twenties.

At the outset of his career in Cuba he was a safety-first performer whose unexciting tactics often dismayed the action-loving Cubanos. Once having shifted his activities to Mexico City, Napoles found it necessary to ignite his bland boxing since the volatile Mexican audiences showed even less patience than his home islanders.

In stepping up his pace Napoles uncovered knockout power and since he became a Mexican citizen he has outclassed the field. In Syracuse in 1970, an eye cut halted his bout with Billy Backus and caused the loss of his title. In a subsequent match, Napoles toyed with the New Yorker, regaining the championship with a four-round knockout.

The smaller classes, fly, bantam, and featherweight are cluttered up by claims, counterclaims and various pretenders. Comparisons with the champions of other times are made difficult by the general confusion. Among the little fellows the old days were definitely brighter since there appear to be no Peps, Saddlers, Dundees, Villas or Genaros among them.

For a time, Mexico's Olivares was being called the peer of all the bantams, past and present, but his surprising defeat by fellow countryman Rafael Herrerra who has not been too consistent has caused a re-evaluation of Olivares.

At any time the lineup of ring champions is uneven, with Hall of Fame material intermingled with lesser figures. Currently five of the eight titleholders in the traditional classes rank with the best of any period.

Frazier is a human perpetual motion machine who would have had an even chance against any previous titleholder. No middleweight champion of the past could have taken Monzon lightly. There have been great light heavyweights but Foster's power would have endangered the best of them.

Buchanan's uncanny skill would have befuddled any of his predecessors. Napoles is a solid journeyman who would have provided a stiff test for any 147 pounder, past or present.

The fact that Americans are a minority among present champions should not lessen the calibre of current titleholders in the eyes of U.S. boxing people.

VINALES SPRINGS BIG UPSET VIA SPLIT TRIUMPH OVER BRISCOE

By HARRY GORE

SCRANTON, Pa. – Who won the middleweight fight between highly-rated Bennie Briscoe and Luis Vinales, a journeyman scrapper hitherto undistinguished?

The referee and a judge gave it to Vinales, and one of the judges voted for Briscoe.

Expert opinion was not strong for the decision. However, the fact remains that the verdict went to Vinales, that Briscoe tumbled from third to fifth in the ratings behind champion Carlos Monzon, and Scranton still wonders who won the fight.

The voting went like this: referee Dick Woehrle, Vinales, to whom he gave rounds 1, 2, 6, 8, 9 and 10, with the 7th even; judge Andy Mihal, Vinales, rounds 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10, with the 6th even; judge Frank Foley, Briscoe, to whom he gave the first six rounds plus.

Briscoe threw about a dozen punches to every one by Vinales. But the record book will show Bennie beaten at a very bad time for him, as a fight with Monzon was brewing in Philadelphia. It still may come off, in spite of the split verdict.

It was a good fight, but not a great one. It was not one of Briscoe's better showings, and he may have underrated the Puerto Rican badly.

The fight drew 2,065 fans who paid $9,145. Briscoe wants a return shot at Luis. So far no word from Bobby Gleason, who manages Vinales.

The fight lacked a knockdown. Briscoe had Vinales against the ropes quite often but he did not have the power with which to finish him.

And so it is Monzon, Jean Claude Bouttier and Emile Griffith, with Briscoe wondering what had happened.

PACO FLORES OVERMATCHED BY 35-YEAR-OLD PERKINS

By GIB CLARK

TUCSON, ARIZ. – A conference followed Paco Flores' decisive 10-round loss to veteran Eddie Perkins, by Paco Flores, Inc. concerning Paco's future.

Flores took home a paycheck for $17,000, but he never took a round from former world junior welterweight champion Eddie Perkins. A record 5,149 crowd in the Community Center Arena saw the veteran's easy success.

The Flores family had gambled in pitting Paco vs. Nate Robinson, California state welter champion, and won. They took a bigger gamble going against Perkins, and lost to an old timer 35 years of age.

Tony Flores, Paco's brother and matchmaker, said: "we over matched him." Pre-fight Tony had said: "we're going all out with this fight."

The courageous Paco, woefully mismatched against a cagy, wily veteran, was in danger of going out from a Perkins "disarmer punch" in round one, a near-illegal backhanded "upper jab" which dropped Paco for the mandatory 8-count. The future of Paco Flores, currently, is clouded. His family soon will decide if he will remain in the fight game.

"I saw only his hand at his side," the dejected Paco stated, post mortem, "I never saw the blow coming that dropped me." (In Round Five).

A scout from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Tucson should have been in attendance to observe Paco rather than Mickey Davies, Los Angeles Olympic matchmaker.

Paco, realizing from the start that his 14-1-0 relatively inexperienced record was no match for the 63-14-2 veteran, put on a splendid dancing exhibition through the 10 trying rounds.

Perkins, operating against the elusive Flores with the calm, precision of a skillful surgeon, proved a superb follower, matching Paco's dancing feet step for step, ever boring in and scoring with telling blows.

Depending on his counterpunching ability, Paco was unable to penetrate the defense of the ringwise veteran.

Said Paco, "we're going to have a family conference soon, and in the meantime I'm going to think about it. I really like boxing, and I don't feel all that bad about losing to a fighter like Perkins. I just wasn't ready for a man of that caliber. He showed me that I've got a lot to learn, and if I'm going to learn, I guess it means learning the hard way. Perkins is a great pro; a real old pro. I tried. How I tried."

Paco always tries. Perhaps he tried too hard to reach the top too soon. The family had gambled that Paco's youth, 23, would prove an advantage over a supposedly over the hill veteran.

"I've been beaten only five times in the last seven years," said Perkins. "Two of those defeats came against world champions (Napoles and Nicolino Loche). During that time I've won 27 times against some of the contenders in the junior welter and welter divisions. I think I rate a title shot."

To ensure the fairest shake for Eddie Perkins, judges and referee were brought in from outside Tucson. Judge George LaBarr scored it 100-89, Perkins, as did judge Bob Shannon, with referee Jim Coe calling it 99-92, Perkins.

Comic relief for the Paco defeat was provided through ten hilarious rounds between Ray "Windmill" White of Los Angeles, and Hill Chambers, Arizona light heavy champion, from Phoenix.

In latter rounds, Chambers got into the act and proved he could qualify as an understudy to White with some funny routines of his own.

In some way the officials managed to figure out a score giving White a unanimous decision.

OLYMPIC TRIALS SET FOR FT. WORTH IN JULY

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — George Smith, of Jackson, Miss., the new president of Golden Gloves, announces that the Olympic trials will be held at Fort Worth, Tex. in July.

Among those who will figure in the trials are the new GG champions who emerged from the annual tournament, at Minneapolis. They are—

(Champion)
112 - Greg Lewis - Cincinnati
119 - Ray Theragood - Roswell, N.M.
125 - Louis Self - Toledo, Ohio
132 - James Busceme - Fort Worth, Texas
139 - Ray seals - Las Vegas, Nevada
147 - Jesse Valdes - Las Vegas, Nevada
156 - LaMont Lovelady - Des Moines, Iowa
165 - Marvin Johnson - Indianapolis, Ind.
178 - Verbie Garland - Toledo, Ohio
H. W. - Duane Bobick - Minneapolis, Minn.

(Runner-Up)
James Martinez - Forth Worth, Texas
Edward Avila, Jr. - Lowell, Mass.
Greg Whaley - Cincinnati, Ohio
Norman Goins - Indianapolis, Indiana
Donnie Nelson - Lowell, Mass.
Thomas May - Cleveland, Ohio
Samuel NeSmith - Indianapolis, Indiana
Donald Rueker - Buffalo
Thomas Prater - Indianapolis, Ind.
Steve Williams - Fort Worth, Texas

James Busceme, lightweight, boxing for Fort Worth, Texas became the first boxer in Golden Gloves history to win four consecutive championships.

The following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: President - George Smith, Jackson, Tennessee; 1st Vice President - George Geisen, Cincinnati, Ohio; 2nd Vice President - Sid Turner, Lafayette, Louisiana.

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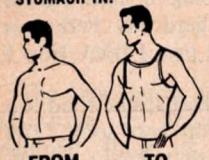

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BOBICK TAKES ALL-NAVY ● HEAVY TITLE AT NORFOLK ●

By JACK LEVINSON

NORFOLK, VA. — Sporting the spectacular record of 78 amateur victories against nine defeats, and 45 straight wins, Duane Bobick won the All-Navy heavyweight title. Boxing World Known, Coach Dick Pettigrew's team, annexed nine of the 11 titles.

The 3000 fans who filled the small Norfolk Air Station gymnasium, were supplied with much action. Although the West Coast boxers lost nine of the eleven titles, their showings were far from mediocre.

Roderick Harris who was Bobick's opponent, had been defeated twice before by Duane. If continued amateur success comes to Bobick, he may turn professional. He needs much professional polish.

106 lbs. Furino (E) won Dec. over Ward.
112 lbs. Richard Dean (W) unopposed.
119 Lbs. David (E) won dec. over Bass.
125 lbs. Walls (E) won dec. over Seegers.
132 lbs. Thompson (E) won dec. over Padia.
139 lbs. Simko (W) won dec. over Jones.
147 lbs. Daniels (E) won dec. over Felder.
156 lbs. Green (E) won TKO-2nd rd. over Waterford.
165 lbs. Fickling (E) won K.O.-1st rd. over Hawkins.
178 lbs. Ivey (E) won TKO-2nd rd. over Davis.
Heavy Bobick (E) won TKO-1st rd. over Harris.

ANDERSON STOPS HOWARD IN SIX AS ● RICHMOND AWAKES ●

By JACK LEVINSON

RICHMOND, VA. — Professional boxing returned to Richmond and according to promoter Brooks Bowen, he finally hit some pay dirt. The amateur trainer Joe Martin, of Louisville, Ky. known for his guiding Clay and J. Ellis, is handling Marcus Anderson. Anderson a three-time Golden Glove champion, and winner of 19 of 21 professional bouts, beat Johnny Howard. In the 6th round, Referee Vince Bradford halted the bout.

Richmond's Johnny "Killer" Watson scored a third round K.O. over Billy Howard of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Anthony House, Winston-Salem, won a four round decision over David Roe of Winston-Salem.

Amateur Bout: Jimmy Davis, Richmond, Va. beat Winston-Salem's Xavier Howard; Willie Davis, Winston-Salem, stopped Joe Smith, Petersburg, TKO in 2nd round. Cole Lorson, Norfolk, won a split decision (3) over Harold Avery, Petersburg.

STANDER, ON WAY TO FIGHT WITH FRAZIER, WHIPS MAC

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA — Making his first start in his hometown, Iowa heavyweight Ron Stander hammered out a unanimous decision over Chicago's Johnny Mac, in ten rounds. About 2200 fans were on hand for the charity affair that saw Ronnie donate his purse. His next shot, Joe Frazier.

The anticipated knockout failed to materialize but the burly Stander looked good in victory. Ronnie, 220, blazed into Mac from the onset but was met by surprisingly stiff resistance. Mac fought back admirably but making sure that his chin was tucked down at all times.

While Stander had Mac, 191, in trouble at several points, the Iowan seemed more interested in taking his man out with one shot than with any follow-through combinations.

However, Ron exhibited occasional flashes of skill like dipping his left shoulder and feinting a hook only to cross over with the right. The blow landed high, on the temple.

The fight was a good starting point for the reconditioned Stander, who came in 20 pounds lighter than in previous fights. He was faster, more alert and finished the bout minus his usual eye cuts. The Iowan's record is now 23-1-1.

COBBS FINALLY GETS ST. LOUIS FANS ON HIS SIDE

By CLARENCE GOLDSTEIN

ST. LOUIS, MO. — What started out to be a dull show. . .ended with the best 12 rounds of boxing St. Louis fans have witnessed in years.

The opening four rounder ended in 2:15 of the third round when the referee declared the bout "no contest" when Robt. Garrett, 190, St. Louis and Frank (Honeyboy) Jackson, 186, St. Louis, danced, hugged and kissed through 8 min. 15 sec.

The second bout, a six rounder, was almost as bad. Bobby Garza, 142, Corpus Christi, Texas lost the decision to Jimmy Jones, 150, St. Louis. Garza, a veteran, with over 100 fights and probably hitting 40 years, fought his usual defensive fight, not getting hit and not throwing many punches.

Don Cobbs, 160, St. Louis, after fighting for more than fifteen years, finally gained the respect of the fans. Don has always been a cautious defensive fighter, but has not been a real crowd pleaser. He made a believer out of the fans when he won a 12 round decision over Willie Warren, 157, of Corpus Christi. Many fans thought he would be too much for Cobbs, but both fighters performed expertly.

BACKUS BEATS McALOON ● IN 12-ROUND ELIMINATOR ●

By JIM LEO

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Former welterweight champion Billy Backus pounded out a unanimous win over New Yorker Danny McAloon in a 12 rounder billed as a semi-final in New York's welterweight elimination tournament.

Backus, since losing the crown back to Napoles made this win number three. Earlier Jose Gambino and Pat Murphy were victims.

Backus, 148, dropped McAloon twice, in the third and again in the fourth. Billy's rock'em, sock'em attack proved too much for Danny. McAloon, 147, absorbed plenty of Backus leather.

The referee saw the fight 11-1, while the judges scored it 10-1-1, and 10-2.

Tony Durango, 154½, Panama, decisioned an out of shape Hank Pelow, 150, Buffalo, in a six rounder.

Angel Merced, 175, Puerto Rico, k.o.'d John D'Amore, 176, of Rome in 1:56 of round one, of a scheduled six.

Improving Willie Wilson, 171, Utica, N.Y. decisioned Julio Figuerora, 172, Puerto Rico in a six rounder.

Georgie Lopes, 135, Syracuse, decisioned Juan Batista Bonet, 130, New York, in a four.

POTTER GETS NOD OVER ● FLORES IN TUCSON TEN ●

By JOSE GONZALES

TUCSON, ARIZ. — Greg Potter, Harold Gunn's lightweight, racked up #10 against one loss with a unanimous decision over Ramon Flores.

Greg's three most recent fights have been: a 10 round decision over Cooper Smith in Joplin, Mo; KO over Ray Llamas in San Diego; and now a 10 round win over Flores.

Potter was reported as the victim in the San Diego fight rather than the real loser, "Ray Llamas;" A call to the California Commission cleared that matter and the next commission report should Llamas as the KO victim and not "Our Boy, Greg."

"Bolero" Barrientos, 116, made a good showing on the same show by stopping Johnny Meza in 3 rounds.

Gunn has been holding Barrientos back until the busy shoeshine boy was old enough for a pro license and the curly headed little Mexican celebrated in grand style with his KO victory in Tucson.

There was a humorous side when Gunn was returning to his hotel room after breakfast. Officers from Immigration questioned Gunn's pintsized charge. Fortunately, Barrientos was not clapped in the Bastile as he was born in Laredo, Texas.

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MUNDINE TRIPLE TITLE SPECTACULAR IN AUSTRALIA

By RAY MITCHELL

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA — So far 1972 has been a big year for Tony Mundine. Tony entered 1972 as Australian middleweight champion, and within four months added two more titles to his collection: the Australian heavyweight and the British Commonwealth middleweight.

Mundine began the year with a two-round knockout over American negro George Carter who came here as middleweight champion of Japan. That was at Redfern. Carter entered the ring like a man going on the last mile. At no stage did he look like a capable fighter.

In an eight-round support another American negro from Japan, Steve Smith, (160) halted Semi Bula (158½), a Sydney-based Fijian, in the fourth round.

▲Eight days after the demolition of Carter, Tony Mundine halted Australian heavyweight champion Foster Bibron in the eleventh round to take the big fellow's title at Brisbane. Mundine weighed 164¼; Bibron, 210¼.

This was the biggest weight difference in which a title changed hands in the history of Australian boxing.

▲Also in Brisbane, Mundine (159¼) brought off his greatest victory. He knocked out Bunny Sterling (159½) in the 15th round to take Sterling's British Commonwealth middleweight title.

Mundine boxed well within himself, and always went like a winner. Sterling, an evasive boxer, made Mundine miss a lot, but right from the first round we could see a Sterling defeat.

A left hook-right to the jaw dumped Sterling in the 12th round. He was on his feet at eight, and went into a weave that defied the finisher.

Sterling actually won the 13th round, but in the 15th Mundine cut loose. The left hook-right to the jaw dropped Sterling for nine. Up again, he wasn't in a safe position, and Mundine forced him around the ring. The combination decked Sterling again. This time he barely cleared the floor in time to prevent the KO. But it was just postponing the inevitable. Soon afterwards he was down again, and that ended the fight with 37 seconds to go.

The referee was American Jay Edson. (Sterling had demanded a neutral.)

There were two unusual incidents in the fight. In the ninth round one of Sterling's gloves burst. Another pair was produced. In the following round, a tear appeared on the canvas.

At the end of the 14th round Edson had Mundine ahead 136 to 133. I thought he was kind to Sterling. My unofficial card read 137-131 in favor of Mundine. I carded Sterling winner of rounds 4, 10 and 13, with rounds 3, 5, 7 and 14 even.

▲New Zealand stylist Manny Santos (135½) tossed a shock into Australian lightweight and welterweight champion Jeff White (138½) at Melbourne. The contest was billed for the Australasian junior-welterweight title, which must be fought for by an Australian and a New Zealander.

As the Australian junior-welterweight champion is Hector Thompson, it was surprising that White, not Thompson, opposed Santos. It was expected that Santos would set up a good lead on points, then fade under the continued pressure of White.

The first part was right, but Santos brought over a right in the sixth round that decked White. It was a perfect punch and White didn't know whether he was in Melbourne or Mexico when he regained his feet. The veteran Santos did not waste a punch. Systematically he went on with the job and had White ready for the quietus when referee Terry Reilly called a halt. White fell as Santos was crowned.

Santos said later that he was running out of steam fast and had to put everything he had into that sixth round or lose the fight.

▲At Thebarton, Paul Ferreri (115¼) retained his Australian bantamweight title by stopping Harry Hayes (116) in the 8th round. Ferreri is a good boxer who could beat a few of the rated stars.

In a six-round support, Colin Cassidy (134½) KO'd southpaw Roger Bowyer (131½) in the fourth round.

▲There was a sensation at the end of the bout between Hector Thompson, Australia's junior-welter title-holder, and Rex Downward in their ten-round non-title go at Perth. Thompson was crowned winner on points, and Downward, who thought he won, immediately knocked out referee Eddie Piper!

Downward later apologized to Piper who refused to file an official complaint. The Australian Boxing Federation fined Downward $100 and imposed a suspended sentence of 12 months.

▲At Brisbane, Hector Thompson (137) scored a comfortable points win over Hilary Connolly (137½) in a ten-round non-title bout.

It was a drag-em-out brawl at Redfern. Rex Downward (135) met Ted Bonner (131½) in this brawl, and it didn't do Bonner a scrap of good. He displayed courage and toughness, but flesh and blood can stand so much. A beautifully-timed left hook in the ninth round dumped Bonner for about one minute.

▲At Melbourne, Australia's second most exciting fighter, Charkey Ramon (154¾) outpointed Dick Duffy (155½) over ten. Charkey, whom I tabbed as a coming champion in his four-round days. Next year could be Ramon's big one. His real name is Dave Ballard.

In an eight on the same bill, Colin Cassidy (135½) outpointed Filipino Alberto Vicera (137).

▲Mexican Fernado Sotelo (127) found Paul Bink (130) in the sixth round of their ten at Redfern and that wrapped it up. Bink, who won and lost the Australian junior-lightweight title last year, has not fulfilled early promise.

▲Our bantam champion Paul Ferreri again showed his class when he outpointed Fernando Sotelo over 12 rounds at Richmond.

▲South African Hansie Van Rooyan (125¾) must be one of the most unorthodox fighters in the world. A southpaw, he does everything wrong, as far as the book is concerned—he leaps in with wild punches; he throws punches from all angles. Because of his unorthodoxy, he is hard to beat. Commonwealth featherweight champion, New Zealander Toro George (126¼) couldn't handle him at Melbourne. Van Rooyan ran out a clear points winner.

In eights, Bobby Dunne (124½) gave a sterling performance in outpointing Filipino bombshell Ricky Gayuna (125¼), and Alberto Vicera, of the P.I. (135¾), outpointed Aussie Wayne Dunn (136).

Manny Santos (134¼) outpointed Spanish lightweight champion Kid Tano (136¾) at Melbourne. In another ten, Toro George (127½) outpointed Ricky Gayuna (126).

▲Scottish featherweight champion Jimmy Bell (127), now resident in Australia, seemed unlucky in having to share the verdict with Aussie Mick Heafey (127½) at Melbourne.

▲Leading contender for the Australian middleweight title, Fred Etuati (160¾) had no trouble outpointing Irish Frank Young, who, at 158¼, carried excess baggage. Not a good fight at Melbourne.

New Zealander Eddie Tavui (156) hit Aussie Errol McIvor (160) on the jaw, dropped him and broke his ankle! McIvor beat the ten but was hopping around on one leg when the bout was stopped.

In another eight Billy O'Connor (135¾) outpointed Arthur Kemp, (135½).

▲Don't know what Fred Etuati (161) has to do to beat Kahu Mananga (161) in Melbourne. Fred dropped another points verdict to Kahu. So far Mahanga has secured two points verdicts and a draw against Etuati at Melbourne. As I saw the fights, Etuati won the three. In New Zealand, Etuati won on points.

In the other ten at Melbourne Ricky Gayuna (127) sank a right into the body of Mick Heafey (125¾) in the third round, and that wrapped it up for the night.

▲Fast-rising Aussie light-heavy Tami Thomas (173) flattened Frank Graham (176) with a body punch in the fifth round at Kingsford. The punch arrived with four seconds to go to end the round, but it is law in the State of N.S.W., and the Australian Boxing Federation, that the count must continue if a boxer is on the floor, either until the count of ten has been completed or the fallen boxer rises, whichever is the earlier. As referee I continued the count. Could have gone to 20.

▲Leo Young is a boxer who always gives value, win or lose. Coming in as a late substitute, and having to peel off a couple of pounds on the day of the fight, Young (137½) gave his usual performace against Filipino Hernani Apatan (136¼) at Melbourne. Apatan won on points. The colorful Young was dumped a second before the bell ended one round. He jumped to his feet immediately and ran over to rub his feet in the resin.

In an eight-round support Stephen Dale (136) outpointed Colin Cassidy (134¼). In another eight Billy O'Connor (135) split Dennis Bell's eyebrow, causing the referee to stop the fight and award the bout to O'Connor in the fourth round. O'Connor was in charge. Bell scaled 137½.

▲Two eights headlined a bill at Melbourne. In the main Billy O'Connor (133¾) and Wayne Dunne (134¾), both local boys, gave real value. They met last year in a fight Dunne won by KO. This time, with Dunne ahead on points, O'Connor brought over one to the body in the seventh round, decking Dunne and really hurting him. Wayne regained his feet but couldn't straighten up properly and the fight was stopped a few seconds later, with O'Connor a KO winner.

In the other eight Steve Johnson (112) easily outpointed Wayne Wallace (109¼).

▲Aussie welter Paul Moore (147) appeared jaded in his ten with New Zealander Ali Afakasi (145¼) at Redfer. Afakasi won on points.

In another ten, South African Isaac Rakhajane (129¾), who is fighting in Australia as "Black Phantom," had no trouble in outpointing local Sonny Bell (128¾). Bell's punches came too slowly.

▲One month later Rakhajane (132½) was in action again at the same venue, this time outpointing Ted Bonner (129¼). Rakhajane won on points. In the supporting eight Japanese Tetsuro Kawakami (125) had too much on the ball for local Mick Banks (124½), the end coming in round five.

▲Australian dual champion Jeff White (137¾) was too big, strong and persistent for Isaac Rakhajane (130) at Brisbane. The ref stopped it in the 10th round with White a KO winner.

▲Aussie thumper Eddie Dawson (159½), making his first appearance since he defeated Cyclone Barth nine months earlier, was belted by visiting whacker Fighting Lavasa (160) in the fifth round, Redfern. In the main supporting eight Steve Cansdell (170) stopped John Wooden (176), in the third.

▲At the same venue one week later New Zealander Joe Santos (138¾) - brother of Manny - met a man who must be the toughest lightweight in the world: Japanese Nobuto Egashira (139¼). The Japanese poked out his chin and continually walked up looking for fight after being hit by punches that should have rendered him hors de combat. Santos easily on points.

In the supporting eight "Big" Jim West (118) caused a minor upset in outpointing Steve Gossen (119). West worried Gossen out of it.

▲Local Bricky Squire (real name John Ballard - a brother of Charkey Ramon) has returned after a spell and is sporting a solid punch to add to his equipment. At Kingsford, Bricky stopped Greg Bell in the fourth round. Squire, 133, Bell 132.

▲Two weeks later at the same venue Squire (133) met Melbourne boxer Louis Grech (128). Louis did well, though trailing a little, for four rounds. In the fifth Squire unleashed a right that dropped Grech in a heap. He was up at six, but at eight he still wasn't focussing, so I stopped the fight.

▲At the same venue, polished young Frank Keane (152) did not box as well as usual against Bob Burrows (148) but he came home well over the last three rounds to win.

▲At Marrickville Ray McGrady (153) was too polished for Steve Hallcroft who came in surprisingly heavy at 154. McGrady won easily on points over ten.

▲At the same clubs, lightweight from Queensland, Robbie Mate Mate (134¼) overcame a couple of knockdowns to outpoint Sonny Bell (130¾) over ten. In the main supporting eight "Big" Jim West (115¼) outpointed Gwynne Jones (116).

▲Johnny Gorkom (173) who meets Greg McNamara shortly for the Australian light-heavyweight title, had a points win over Dick Blair (171) in the main-event eight at Wagga Wagga.

Peeples Quits Miami Beach Boxing Setup

MIAMI BEACH, FLA. – Efforts by Mel Ziegler and his Allied Sports to establish themselves as Chris Dundee's successors in boxing and wrestling promotion here have not been too successful.

Major W. H. Peeples, Jr., Ziegler's assistant, has resigned. He was reported to have said that he doubted if he was worth the salary Ziegler was paying him, and he added a few raps at the Miami Beach Commission.

Peeples charged that the Commission had demanded ringside seats facing the cameras at the Foster-Rondon fight.

The Commission, per Murray Grossman, denied this.

Ziegler says he is not discouraged and that he intends to go on promoting.

No contract between Allied and the City Council has been signed. Ziegler is going on from week to week.

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SOME GOOD, SOME BAD IN MELANGE OF OHIO BOXING

By JOHN L. McCAFFERTY

▲WARREN, OHIO — At the Packard Music Hall, 1100 fans turned out and paid prices ranging from $10 to $5 and were rewarded with exactly 11 minutes of action.

Ernie Shaves, 200, Warren, KOed Charly Polite, 198, New York, at 50 seconds of round 3.

Walter Moore, 210, Los Angeles, KOed 40 year old Wally Henderson, 190, at 2:17 of round 1.

John Girowski, 185, Youngstown, KOed Walter Kelly, 175, Youngstown, at 2:33 of round 1.

▲CINCINNATI — Danny Melille presented an All Pro show at Delhi, a Cincinnati suburb.

Joe Blair, 157, Akron, TKOed Jim Brannon, 161, Spartanburg, S. C. in round 3.

Syl Wilder, 170, Cleveland, won a 6 round decision over Ray Timmons, 169, Spartanburg.

Anthony House, 149, Spartanburg, won a 6 round decision over Ernie Witcher, 150, Akron.

Morris Jordan, 160, Dayton, TKOed Ted Paxton, 162, Cleveland, in round 3.

Korky Palmer, 133, Spartanburg, won a 4 round decision over Curtis Burks, 135, Cleveland.

▲CANTON — 450 fans saw 1968 Olympic champion Ronnie Harris make his hometown pro debut. Six amateur bouts completed the card.

Harris, 156, Canton, TKOed Ted Hamiliton, 161, Fairmont, W. Va. Hamiliton suffered a broken nose and could not come out for round 3.

▲PARMA, OHIO — Casey Gacic, 172, Parma, KOed John Shufford, 173, Martinsville, West Va. in round 2.

Gary Broughton, 158, Brantford, Ont, TKOed George McGhee, 160, Toledo, in round 5.

John Summerhays, 136, Brantford, Ont, won an 8 round decision over Mike Harris, 134, Cleveland.

Gary Summerhays, 174, Brantford, Ont, won a unanimous 6 round decision over Harold Carter, 177, Cleveland.

Fletcher Idom, 185, Parma, KOed John Girowski, 192, Youngstown, in 45 seconds.

CHAMBERS STOPS ARMENTA IN SECOND WITH ONE PUNCH

By AL FENN

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Hill Chambers, 175, Mesa scored a second round knockout over Jesse Armenta, 174, Mexico, 13 seconds into round two.

Chambers rushed out of his corner and landed the punch before Armenta knew what had happened.

Frank Felix, 145, Mexico, defeated Manny Jiminez, 140, Pheonix, in eight.

In a six round bout Lloyd Price, 175, Mesa, gained a split decision over Earl Emahoolah, Oklahoma City.

▲ Reco Brooks, 215, Phoenix, used a quick, strong jab in the tenth to gain a decision over Charley Hall, 179, Phoenix, at Riverside arena.

In the semi-main, Beto Nunez, 123, Phoenix, won a decision over Manuel Tarazon, 125, Mexico, in eight.

Allen Hutchinson, 145, Phoenix, and Manny Jiminez, Mexico drew in eight.

Clay Hutchinson, 118, Phoenix, stopped Ali Esquer, 118, Mexico in round two.

▲ Hill Chambers, 175, Mesa, came back to Riverside to stop Eddie Coffey, 178, Mexico, in the sixth.

In the semi-final, a six-rounder, Gabe Peralta, 146, Phoenix, and Joe Moreno, 145, fought a draw.

Terry Chrapko, 145, Minnesota, and Roberto Comacho drew in six, and Danny Young, 115, Phoenix, lost in four to Jimmy Ceja, 118, Tucson.

▲ Johnny Featherman, 185, Mesa, won a 10-round decision over Joe E. Lewis, 200, Oklahoma, at Riverside. It was close. Featherman was busier but Lewis was clever with a counterpunch.

Art Alderete, 165, came back into action after serving in the Marines. He won the eight-round co-feature from Chico Perez of Hermosillo. Art showed the form that took him to a 23-0 record before losing to Denny Moyer.

Allen Hutchinson, 145, Phoenix won by a TKO in the third over Al Morales, 145, Mexico. Bob Avery, 220, and Lloyd Price, 195, Mesa, drew in four.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending May 15, 1972

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Cassius Clay beat Mac Foster, 15.
George Foreman kayoed Ted Gullick, 2.
Jerry Quarry halted Eduardo Corletti, 1.
Jose Luis Garcia stopped Roby Harris, 2.
Larry Middleton kayoed Bob Stallings, 6.
Ron Stander defeated Johnny Mac, 10.
Jose Roman outpointed Jose Urtain, 10.
Gregory Peralta stopped Willie Johnson, 2.
Joe Bugner halted Brain O'Melia, 3.
Ernie Shavers kayoed Charlie Polite, 3.
Ron Lyle stopped George Johnson, 3.
Ken Norton won from Jack O'Halloran, 10.
James Helwig beat Kid Hercules, 6, kayoed Freddie Williams, 3.
Rodney Bobik kayoed Ken Hayden, 2.
Pedro Lovell halted Willie Moore, 4.
Chuck Wepner beat Randy Neumann, 12.
Dave Zyglewicz kayoed Curtis Ehitner, 2.
Paul Raymond drew with Bob Simmons, 8.
Doug Kirk beat George Holden, 8.
Kevin Pantalow outpointed Rodell Dupree, 6; Manuel Collazo, 6.
Bill Hardney stopped Ben Benjamin, 4.
Terry Hinke halted Johnny Featherman, 5.
Reco Brooks defeated Charlie Hall, 10.
Charles Boston kayoed George Godfrey, 2.
Henry Clark outpointed James Woody, 10.
Steve Carter beat Eduardo Corletti, 10.
Tony Ventura kayoed Billy Wilburn, 1.
Dante Cane halted Stamford Harris, 5.
Maurice Rice won from Gary Wiler, 8.
Marshall Parmalee kayoed Jasper Evans, 3.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Foster Kayoed Vicente Rondon, 2, retained World Light Heavyweight Title.
Andy Kendall outpointed Cipriano Hernandez, 10.
Chris Fennegan defeated Ronnie Wilson, 10.
Mike Quarry stopped Chuck Hamilton, 8.
Pat O'Connor kayoed Ed Ostapovich, 2, beat Larry Buck, 10.
Pierre Fourie outpointed Amado Vasquez, 10.
Jimmy Dupree beat Eddie Owens, 10.
Saerl Aucamp beat on Dis. Brian Kelly, 6.
Avenamar Peralta decisioned Eddie Jones, 10.
Gary Summerhays beat Joe Ray, 6.
Casey Gacic outpointed Harold Carter, 10.
Baby Boy Rollie beat Gomeo Brennan, 10.
Tom Kocan decisioned Manuel Collazo, 6.
Angel Merced kayoed John D'Amore, 1.
Willie Wilson decisioned Julio Figueroa, 6.
Bobby Cassidy halted Gil Diaz, 4.
Willie Mack beat Julio Figueroa, 6.
Robert Quinones decisioned Frankie Citro, 4.
Len Hutchins beat Roger Rouse, 10.
Lonnie Bennett kayoed Eddie Coffey, 1.
John Conteh halted Reuben Figueroa, 2.
Mark Tessman stopped Ed Bains, 1.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jean-Claude Bouttier kayoed Doyle Baird, 6.
Emile Griffith beat Ernie Lopez, 10.
Bennie Briscoe kayoed Jorge Rosales, 1, lost to Luis Vinales, 10
Tony Mundine stopped Bunny Sterling, 15, British Empire middleweight title.
Miguel de Olivire outpointed Luis Vinales, 10.
Jose Hernandez drew with Jacques Kechichian, 15, E.B.U. Junior Middleweight Title.
Bobby Watts drew with Ralph Palladin, 10.
Tony Licata stopped Dennis Riggs, 4.
Rudy Robles outpointed Ronnie Wilson, 10.
Willie Monroe beat Luis Galvan, 10, lost to Nessen Cohen, 10.
Tom Bogs kayoed Mike Pusateri, 1.
Luis Rodriguez lost to Donaro Paduano, 10, Mike Lancaster, 10.
Freddie Little defeated Clarence Geigger, 10.
Carlos Salinas beat Jimmy Lester, 10.
King George Aidoo kayoed Charlie Hayward, 1, John Vivanz, 5.
Jack Mitchell outpointed Gene Wells, 8, kayoed Johnny Coiley, 5.
Antonio Durango won from Hank Pelow, 6.
Roy Edmonds kayoed Jerry Presley, 1.
Vito Antuofermo halted John Presley, 1.
Antonio Torres outpointed Jackie Turpin, 10.
John L. Sullivan stopped Frank Jimenez, 2.
Mario Rosa defeated Ricky Ortiz, 10.
Jose Concepcion won from Jimmy Gibney, 4.
Johnny Mangum halted Jimmy Meilleur, 6.
Bill Douglas stopped Carlos Mark, 10.
Hildo Silva beat Steve Ewell, 8.
Al Quinney decisioned James Parks, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Jose Napoles kayoed Ralph Charles, 7, retained World Welterweight Title.
Ernie Lopez lost to Emilie Griffith, 10.
Adolph Pruitt stopped Manny Fierro, 1.
Armando Muniz halted Mario Olmedo, 1, beat Peter Cobblah, 10.
Billy Backus beat Danny McAloon, 10.
Therman Durden stopped Raul Rodriguez, 8.
Ronnie Harris outpointed Raul Soriano, 10.
Buddy Boggs defeated Percy Pugh, 10.
Roland Pryor kayoed David Rose, 2.
Vernon Mason lost to John Gant, 12.
Young Kennedy outpointed Roy Barrientos, 10.
Alvin Anderson drew with Dickie DiVeronica, 10.
Tommy Van Hatten stopped Jesus Alicia, 5.
Pat Murphy beat Winston Noels, 8.
Hector Perez halted Jose Camarena, 4.
Ray Chavez outpointed Dorman Crawford, 10.
Marshall Butler kayoed Jim Henry, 1.
Gerald Ratte stopped George Ferenczi, 4.
Johnny Magner halted Barry Payment, 1.
Ricky Thomas beat Mike Shaffer, 6.
Topcat Jackson kayoed Sammu Maul, 4.
Terry Summerhays beat Charlie Shufford, 6.
Dino Del Cid halted Eddie Parks, 6.
Diego Alcala stopped Ray Mercado, 6.
Mario Saurennann drew with Chuchu Garcia, 10, lost to Dario Hidalgo, 10.
Alan Tootah won dis. from Frankie Lewis, 3.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Bruno Arcari stopped Al Romano, 4.
Eddie Perkins beat Jesse Avalos, 10, Paco Flores, 10.
Rodolfo Gonzalez halted Chung Kyo Shin, 7.
Johnny Gant decisioned Vernon Mason, 12.
Carlos Ortiz kayoed Junior Varney, 2.
Don Sennett stopped Barry Sponagle, 2, Juan Bonet, 1, Michele Madore, 3.
Adrian Davis halted Sammy Ruckard, 4.
Piero Ceru stopped Bruno Freschi, 10.
Chris Fernandez beat Doc McClendon, 10.
Al Foster beat Al Meza, 8.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ken Buchanan outpointed Al Ford, 10, non-title.
Chango Carmona kayoed Raymundo Dias, 8.
Sugar Ramos halted Lyle Randolph, 7.
Esteban DeJesus stopped George Foster, 8.
Johnny Summerhays beat Marion Thomas, 10.
Jimmy Heair beat Agapito Villegas, 6, Antonio Alcala, 5, halted Gabe Vega, 1.
Marcos Jimenez stopped Paul Rourre. 4.
Edwin Viruet halted Guillermo Taco, 1.
Miguel Herrera drew with Jose Rivera, 8.
Ray Lunny outpointed Miguel Mayon, 10.
Hernani Apatan defeated Leo Young, 10.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ben Villaflor decisioned Alfredo Marcano, 15, to win World Junior Lightweight Title.
William Martinez lost to Ricardo Arredondo, 5, W.B.C. junior lightweight title.
Jesus Alonso stopped Jose Marin, 3.
Frankie Otero kayoed Hector Rivera, 10.
Sammy Goss beat Luis Lopez, 10.
Ray Lampkin outpointed Bill Whittenberg, 10.
Jose Marin defeated Vicente Blanco, 12.
Ruben Navarro won from Raul Montoya, 10.
Tommaso Galli kayoed Jean DeKeers, 11, E.B.U. Junior Lightweight Title.
Bert Nabalatan stopped Sal Montano, 6, Kimio Shindo, 1.
Fernand Jimenez halted Dave Smith, 1, beat Azael Curet, 6.
Ricky Villanueva stopped Heriberto Cintron, 2.
Ray Echevarria drew with Esteban Olvera, 10.
Johnny Sullivan defeated Pablo Nieves, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eder Jofre kayoed Gullermo Morales, 6.
Tahar Ben Hasson beat Renato Galli, 10.
Arnold Taylor defeated Hansie Van Rooyen, 12.
Bob Allotey outpointed Franco Zurlo, 10.
Dong Kyun Yum kayoed Dong Park II, 6.
Yoshio Apollo halted Felipe San Martin, 4.
Phil Hudson stopped Eluid Rivera, 4.
Jose Rodriguez kayoed De La Rosa, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Octavio Gomez beat Fernando Cabanela, 10.
Julio Guerrero outpointed Heleno Ferreyro, 10.
Romero Anaya defeated Franco Zurlo, 10.
Chartchai Chionoi kayoed Edmundo Ejandra, 9.
Nestor Jimenez stopped Pedro Bendek, 5.
Salvatore Lozano halted Lupe Trujillo, 1.
David Vasquez kayoed Wilson Yambo, 9.
Benny Rodriguez kayoed Yoshio Suda, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Betulio Gonzalez kayoed Willie Pastana, 4.
Socrates Batoto won from Lorenzo Gutierrez, 10.

EDDIE BORDEN, 1899-1972

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was that of of head cashier at the Casino at Freeport in the Bahamas, where he remained happily until sickness caused him to take a leave from which he was never to return.

Despite the many facets and patterns that made him a, a controversial figure in many quarters, he will always be remembered as a slender, well dressed man with positive opinions on everything.

He will be remembered for his feud with Mike Jacobs, then Madison Square Garden promoter, over a period of years. He will be remembered for his wide open smile and always present stogie. He will be remembered by his friends and enemies, for never was a man a better friend or a more tenacious enemy.

BOXING WRITERS BRING FIESTA BACK TO N.Y.

(Continued from page 33)

kingpins of the ring, who included one active member, Emile Griffith, three times welter and twice middleweight boss. Other champions were Paul Berlenbach, former 175-pound king, Rocky Graziano and Jake LaMotta, former middleweight bosses. . .Bob Montgomery, ex-lightweight title holder. . .Ben Jeby, another ex-middleweight kingpin . . .Sandy Saddler, once feather champ. . . Cpt. Izzy Schwartz, former flyweight king. . .Lou Salica, who held the bantam crown twice, and Phil Terranova, former NBA featherweight leader. . .and Ruby Goldstein, new president of the VBA Ring #8 in New York. Sam Taub introduced the gang at the 2nd dais.

Berlenbach, Saddler and Graziano were recent inductees into the Boxing Hall of Fame.

As per custom, the World Wide Wrestling Federation, headed by Willie Gilzenberg, had its table.

The hit of the evening was not a fighter but a man interested in boxing all his life, a journalist and famous wit, who never tires of coming up with unusual stories, Harry Hershfield, always a dais guest but preferring to be at a table with Dr. Kleiman's other guests.

NATIVES SUPPLY ACTION, ● NO STIFFS IN PHILIPPINES ●

By FELIPE J. C. GALANY

MANILA, P.I. — There was no big-name boxing in the Philippines recently. However, there was plenty of action and stiffs were not missed. The results:

Joe Canico (112) beat Buddy Billiones (112) in 10. Orlando Cruz (121) won over Manny Cruz (122) by TKO in the 7th; Cruz Jr. (112) won over Dio de Asas (112) by TKO in the 7th; Rudy Baro drew with Hernani Apatan (135) in 10. Carlos Rebancos (111) won over Romeo Enecio (110) in a 10 round bout.

Pablito Obreno (126) won over Ysmael Francisco (125) by TKO in the 4th; Roberto Despi (130) drew with Willie Asuncion (130) in the 3rd of a 10 round bout. Ernie Bautista (120) won over Fred Jarabay (121) in a 10; Ful Sumagaysay (131) won over Fred Zayas (130) in 10; Rado Broncano (131) drew with Tony Francisco (132) in a 10 round bout; Ben Molero (145) won over Fel Homes (144) in 10.

Frisco Montemayor (140) won over Tony Francisco (136) on points in a 10 round bout; Flash Geronimo (114) won over Romeo Veligan (115) on points in a 10. Fred Pastor (138) won over Ricardo Ortiz (137) by TKO in the 6th. Abel Torno (118) won over Billy Cotacte (118) by KO in the 2nd. Armin Marbella (118) won over Jun Gallego (118) by TKO in the 6th.

Aniceto Vargas (112) won over Dick Arcega (112) in a 10 round bout; Teogenes Pelegrino (126) won over Ben Basa (125) by KO in the 6th. Gavito Jr. (111) won over Jun Moises (113) by TKO in the 7th; Paddy Silaya (128) won over Sil Carlon (130) by KO in the 2nd. Philip Tagupa (112) won over Paul Bigno (112) by Ko in the 6th.

Rudy Tumulak (116) won over Kid Laurente (118) by TKO in the 5th. Buddy Billiones (113) won over Jose Alojado (111) in a 10 round bout. Loreto Perez (121) won over Joe Guillem (121) in a 10 round bout.

Sal Aguilar (120) won over Alberto Alvillar (122) by KO in the 6th; Cayetano Simbajon (112) won over Kid Lozada (112) in a 10 round bout. Henry Acido (112) won over Magno Liga (112) by KO in the 1st. Flash Nelson (120) won over Nilo Gulpe (120) by TKO in the 6th. Ronnie Nacua (129) won over Frankie Nituda (130) in a 10 round bout.

BURNS STOPS BORDEN IN WESTERN CANADA HEADLINER

By JIM JOHNSTON

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Irish Tommy Burns, Western Canada heavyweight fighting out of Creston, stopped Chuck Borden of Resport, Oregon, at the 25 second mark of the third round. Burns weighed 216 to 218 for Borden.

A capacity crowd of 1,500 paid $6,400 which is quite a gate for a town of 3,500.

The annual Golden Glove tourney was staged at Vancouver before crowds totalling 5,000. Willie Beanallie, of Creston, was named "Golden Boy" as the tourney's most exciting fighter. Benallie defeated Vancouver's Gordon Lawson in a close middleweight bout.

Neil Austin of Vancouver Firefighters beat Ed Wainwright of New Westminster in the 125 pound final. Austin was named "most aggressive."

CROSS EDGES VEGA IN ● TEN AT WEST MEMPHIS ●

By TONY GARDNER

WEST MEMPHIS, ARK. — Tony Gardner promoted another professional show. In the main event Jimmy Cross, Memphis, beat Ray Vega, West Memphis, Ark. on a close 10 round decision. The judges scored it 97-96, 97-96. One called it a draw.

In a 10 round preliminary, Clyde Brown, looked in top shape as he stopped Melvin Harris in one round. Brown connected with a vicious left hook right on the button.

READ THE RING

NATE ROBINSON SIDELINED BY PUZZLING ILLNESS

THE Ring Magazine is sorry to announce the temporary retirement of Nate Robinson, Los Angeles welterweight, whom it rated No. 9 in the June issue. His manager, Harold E. Gunn, writes:

Gentlemen:

It is with regret that Nate Robinson, currently No. 9 in your welter ratings, will be unable to participate in boxing contests for some time to come.

A puzzling group of symptoms, as yet undiagnosed, make training and engaging in contests, ill-advised.

Robinson and myself wish to thank The Ring for the recognition your publication has given Nathan. We both are genuinely honored for the privilege of having earned a place in your ratings.

Harold E. Gunn

SCRAP IRON JOHNSON LATEST ● VICTIM OF RISING LYLE ●

By TERRY HISSON

DENVER, COLO. — Veteran "Scrap Iron" Johnson lost to unbeaten heavyweight Ron Lyle. Johnson hit the deck for a third-round knockout.

A crowd of 7,703 looked on as Lyle racked up his 13th consecutive victory since turning pro 11 months ago. It was his 11th knockout, five in a row.

They battled inside for the first two rounds, but Lyle opened up in the third with blistering right uppercuts and left hooks. A combination ended the contest with only 31 seconds elapsed in the third round.

It was the first time that Johnson had taken the count of 10. He is one of only three who have lasted the distance against Joe Frazier.

Welterweight Armando Muniz scored a first-round TKO victory over Mario Olmedo, a veteran of 45 bouts. Referee Joe Ullmer raised Muniz's hand in victory after the Artesia, Calif. fighter had knocked his opponent down three times in the opening three minutes. The fight ended with 45 seconds left in the round.

Muniz, now 18-1-1, scored repeatedly with short right handers. Olmedo is now 34-11.

The gate was $42,163, according to Action Sports.

HAPPY, HAPPY IN SINGAPORE, NARONG, SIREGAR IN DRAW

By LITTLE NENE

SINGAPORE, MALAYA — Topping the bill of a four-ten-round-card, Nai Narong, 161, middleweight champion of Thailand, and Rudy Siregar, 163, middleweight kingpin of Indonesia, punched each other from the opening to the last bell to the great approval of the crowd. Everybody was happy when the draw verdict was proclaimed.

Filipino Joseph Bosaing, 118, was a points winner over Thailand's Yuthana Kriengkrai, 115½. The fans, who believed the Thai should have been the winner, put on a ten minute protest.

Malai Thong, 135, Bangkok, bested Ofero Tinay, 135, Manila in ten rounds.

Tahar Guizani, 117½, won by a split decision over Thailand's Sangmorakat, 121.

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BOXING REVIVED IN CONNECTICUT AFTER 7-YEAR LEGAL BAN

HARTFORD, Conn. – After a forced absence of seven years, brought on by repeal of the boxing law, the sport is back professionally in the state of Connecticut.

Governor Thomas J. Meskill signed a bill which corrected the mistake made in 1965 with the barring of boxing in a state which had had an interesting ring history.

Boxing historians point out that it was in Hartford on November 28, 1901, that Young Corbett knocked out Terry McGovern in two rounds for the world featherweight title.

LANKESTER BEATS FORMER CHAMPION RODRIGUEZ IN 10

By PAULIE COOK

SEATTLE, WASH. — Mike "Pretty Boy" Lankester, 159, earned a 10-round decision over Luis "Lil Ole Man" Rodriguez, 161, in a brawl never to be forgotten here. The battlers hammered each other from pillar to post and when one missed the other connected.

Before the match was seconds old, "Pretty Boy" tagged Rodriguez with a pile driving right that shook the former welterweight champion from head to toe. It was nip and tuck all the way and fighters less game than Lankester would have been knocked out.

In the last canto Rodriguez hit "Pretty Boy" with a right hand that cracked like a pistol. "Pretty Boy" held on and some say that Irish Pat McMurty was slow in breaking the clinch that followed and had the Seattle fighter out on his feet for some 15 seconds. Be that as it may "Pretty Boy" recovered and was chasing the little old man at the final bell.

Judges Clay Nixon and Sam Hellereach scored the fight 98-97 for Lankester, Referee Pat McMurty called it 97-97, a draw. Lankester won it all the way and showed contempt for the former champion.

He had Luis on the ropes several times and in trouble at least twice. It was his 11th win as a pro. The unbeaten Seattle boy is ready for Fraser Scott and Donato Paduano, who challenged the loser to a match in Montreal.

Both fighters received an ovation on leaving the ring. It was only the 12th loss for Rodriguez in 130 fights over a 16-year span.

The semi-windup was also a crackerjack affair between Al Foster, 129, from Seattle and Scooter Al Meza, 132, of Fresno. This was also a hammer and tongs fracas with Foster having a decided edge.

In a pathetic fight that left one feeling cold toward the boxing commission of this State for allowing such a farce to go on, Maurice Rice, 168, Seattle, defeated Gary "Hobo" Wiler for the umteenth time. The Hobo stumbled through the ropes on several occasions and fell without being hit.

The crowd of 4,200 paid $16,000.

BAHAMAS CHAMPION OBED STOPS CLIFF IN SIXTH

By FRED STURRUP

NASSAU, BAHAMAS — Bahamian welterweight champion Elisha Obed retained his title with a sixth round technical knockout over veteran Sugar Cliff at the Stadium.

The powerful young puncher gave the fans an omen of what was to come in the first round when he cornered Cliff and was dishing out terrific combinations at the bell.

Cliff, always the shifty artist, had recovered fully from the first round onslaught by the second heat.

During the early portion of round two, Obed went after his man, throwing right uppercuts and left hooks. Cliff, still pretty fast despite his 35 years, eluded the heavy blows and even succeeded in landing some good body shots. The bell rang with Cliff gaining the slight edge.

The pattern of the next three rounds—third, fourth and fifth was similar to the second with Obed missing repeatedly due to Cliff's bob and weave tactics. The fourth round was Cliff's best as Obed seemed to tire and got caught with a couple right leads and several blows to the mid-section. And so it went for six.

However, Obed kept throwing bombs.

Boston Blackie decked Carl Baker in round one and cruised along for a decision in 10.

NORTON WHIPS O'HALLORAN IN SAN DIEGO 10-ROUNDER

By JOHN GREENSMITH

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. — Ken Norton won the fight and Jack O'Halloran won the crowd in 10 rounds before 2600 who paid $10,000 at the Coliseum.

Norton, 212, got off fast and put O'Halloran down in the third round with a left-right combination. To his credit, big Jack (243) got up just before the bell and came out in the fourth round to rock Norton twice with booming rights.

The fight lacked basic skills at times as both men chose to bang away with Norton going to the body and O'Halloran to the head. Just a split second after the bell sounded to end round nine, Norton decked O'Halloran with a right and except for an added minute of rest allowed and frantic efforts of the seconds, the fight would have ended at that point.

O'Halloran came on strong in the final round and cut Norton over the left eye with right-hand uppercuts.

The two judges saw it 7-3 and 8-2 for Norton while referee Frank Rustich had it 8-2 for the San Diego heavyweight who won his 26th. fight, against a lone loss. Twenty-two of his wins have been by knockouts.

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RIGGS EDGES BELL IN DUNDEE PROMOTION AT JAX

By TOM EPHREM

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — By the sheerest of margins Dennis Riggs was adjudged winner after ten rounds with Roscoe Bell to highlight the card promoted by Jimmy Murdock and Chris Dundee. Bell overcame a slight lead Riggs had built by dropping the local boy twice in the ninth round and heading for the win.

But Dennis waged one of his usual strong finishes and had the Miamian on the go in the final round to squeak through with the split decision—judges Julian Jackson and Johnny Joca for Riggs and judge Chuck Steger, a draw.

The seventh round produced Riggs' lead before Roscoe came rambling along. Bell weighed 158, and Riggs, 160¼. In the walkout bout, Leon Gillyard and Steve Macek whacked away for four rounds with neither having an edge. Gillyard, 140, Jacksonville, and Macek, 143, Sanford.

In another affair that failed to find a winner after eight rounds, Vic Perez, 148, Sanford, and Sandy Jefferis, 143, St. Petersburg, were even up. Perez opened well but Jerreris finished better.

Moe Fleischer gave sound advice to James Hargrove, a Miami middleweight, and it paid off against Jacksonville middle Henry "Slick" Mitchell in their eight rounder.

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▲TAMPA, FLA. — More than 2,500 fans expected Ring Post 50's first card to hit the jack pot. It did. The surprises proved shockers as Hector McBride, Johnny Capitano and his brother Ricky Capitano fell in defeat, the first for each.

Tony Licata kept his streak on the move by stopping Luis Galvan in the eighth round of the main event.

Lou Viscusi, manager of McBride, arranged this standout for Ring Post 50, of which Ray Schneider is president.

McBride was dropped in the first round with Andres Torres, of Puerto Rico but arose to put his rival down seconds later.

Torres had a big eighth round, dropping McBride again and scoring heavily. The decision, unanimous, was for Torres.

Johnny Capitano lost a splitter after six rounds of warfare with Alejandro Falcon, of Puerto Rico. The winner, at 139, and the loser, from New Orleans, 139½.

Ricky Capitano, 135, New Orleans, lost by a TKO in the first round to Puerto Rican Miguel Montilla, 135. Ricky played into Miguel's hands in punching with him. Ricky was felled earlier in the round for an eight count.

Manager Zabala had his lone loss for the night in Luis Galvan, who couldn't stand the persistent attack of Licata. Tony smelled the win and wouldn't be denied. He tipped 160 and Galvan, 164.

CASTELLINI, DE OLIVEIRA ● WIN BOUTS IN BRAZIL ●

By BO ZAINE

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL — Argentini middleweight Miguel Castellini was brought in to test Brazilian welter champ Edmundo Leite and he surely did. Castellini outmaneuvered Leite in any position and after four rounds, the Brazilian had enough.

Castellini is a good prospect, who bears watching.

Another Brazilian welter, Roberto Camargo, had no trouble in kayoing the second Argentinian on the card, Carlos Avelleneda in the second round of their semi-final bout. Junior welter Joao Merencio outpointed Jose Jaime over six rounds in the best fight of the evening. Welter prospect Winston Gomes continued undefeated as he knocked Adriano Rodriques cold in the second.

▲SAO PAULO — Miguel DeOliveira had some trouble in connecting his right to the chin of lanky Puerto Rican Luis Vinales. The fight went the ten rounds with a comfortable decision for DeOliveira. It was a rather dull bout, with Vinales running and DeOliveira pursuing.

Roberto Santana retained his Brazilian feather laurels in defeating challenger Joel Gomes on points, twelve rounds.

Winston Gomes surprised with a clean K.O. in the third round over previously unbeaten Osmar Oliveira, welters. Joel Correa decisioned Jose DeSouza in six rounds, bantams.

SANTA MARIA BATTERS ROGERS IN ALASKA SHORTIE

By BRIAN ARCHER

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA — Luis Santa Maria of Durango, Mexico, was the winner over Davey "Hardrock" Rogers of Coos Bay, Oregon. Rogers knocked Santa Maria down twice in the first round and again in the second.

Santa Maria kept coming back with a barrage of right and left hooks to the head until Rogers was offering no defense. The referee stopped the fight at 1 minute and 3 seconds of the third round.

In amateur bouts Duke Coleson (84), Anchorage, won the decision over Jeff Wesley (84), Anchorage. Pat McConnell, Chugiak, (150) scored a T.K.O. over Leroy Barlip (150) Anchorage in the second round. Steve Garcia, Palmer, (132) won a unanimous decision over Pat Patterson (137) of the 88th Street Gang. This was the best bout of the night. Robert Williams (137), Anchorage, won a split decision from Don Caulkins (137), Palmer. Pat Hand, (123), of the 88th Street Gang, won a unanimous decision over Mitch Bennett, (123), of Anchorage.

▲ANCHORAGE — Maurice Rice, (180), Detroit, won the decision in ten rounds over Gary "Hobo" Wiler, (194), Seattle, before a S.R.O. crowd at the Red Barn. Rice showed good boxing and had the wheels to keep away from Wiler throughout.

Nine amateur bouts preceeded the main event. Dave "Duke" Coleson (83) Anchorage, won a unaminous decision over Billy Robertson (95) Anchorage; Ronnie Bailey (82) Anchorage won a split decision over Chris Muller (82) Anchorage; Linnus DePriest (105) Palmer, won a T.K.O. in the third round over Ken Hudson (105) Anchorage; George Eckenberg (142) Anchorage, won by a knockout in the second round over Richard Tomlinson (145) Anchorage.

Dan Lindekee, (122), Palmer, won a split decision over Mitch Bennett, (120), Anchorage; Curt Hudson (140) Anchorage got a split decision over Robert Williams (137) Anchorage; Kevin Miller (145) Anchorage scored a T.K.O. in the second round over Leroy Barlit (145) Anchorage; Franko Anderson (123) Anchorage scored a T.K.O. in the second round over Leonard Ely, (125), Anchorage; Ken Smart, (147), Anchorage, won a unanimous decision over Alec Esparza, (145), Anchorage.

GARCIA BLASTS TENZA IN ● FIVE ROUNDS AT MADRID ●

By JOSE ALVAREZ

MADRID, SPAIN — Mariano Garcia (Madrid) flyweight, demolished Tenza (Barcelona) in 5 rounds. Garcia is a natural flyweight and very strong at it.

Senin, EBU bantam boss will defend against recently nominated Sassarini (Italy) but this will be a step for bigger game, a possible match with Rafael Herrera.

It's about time Mexicans and Japanese stop fighting among themselves for the crown. Some new blood will do a lot of good for the game. Bob Allotey recently naturalised in Spain is also awaiting a call for service, and bars no one.

Legra's manager, Kid Tunero, has received offers from Venezuela and Kuniaki Shibata. The Japanese reported as coming to Spain for a $50,000 purse, when and if he retains his title against Nato Marcel (Panama).

Pedro Carrasco vs. Mando Ramos rubber match will be held in Madrid by the end of May. The winner vs. Buchanan.

Barrera Corpas has been offered a title bid in Panama as opponent for newly crowned WBA lightwelter Alfonso "Peppermint" Frazier.

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Heavyweight Jose Urtain, actually abidng in Puerto Rico is to defend his EBU title against Jurgen Blin.

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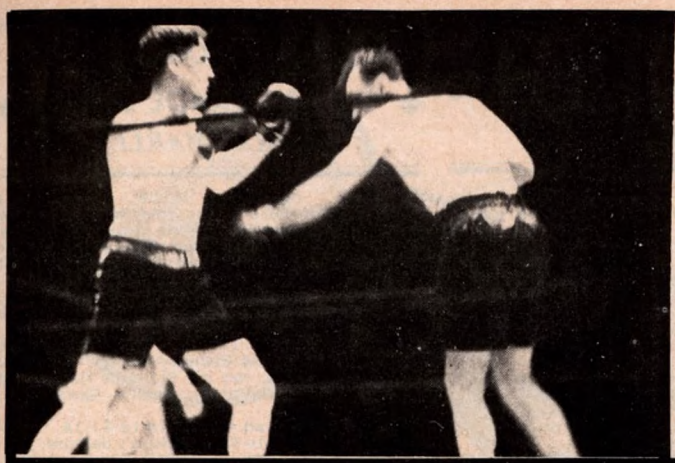

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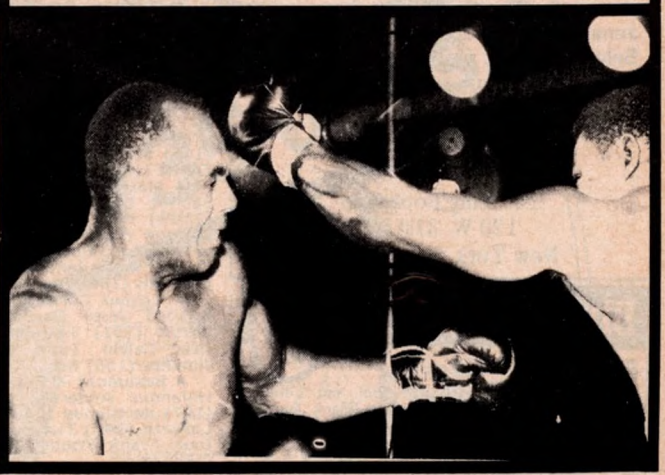

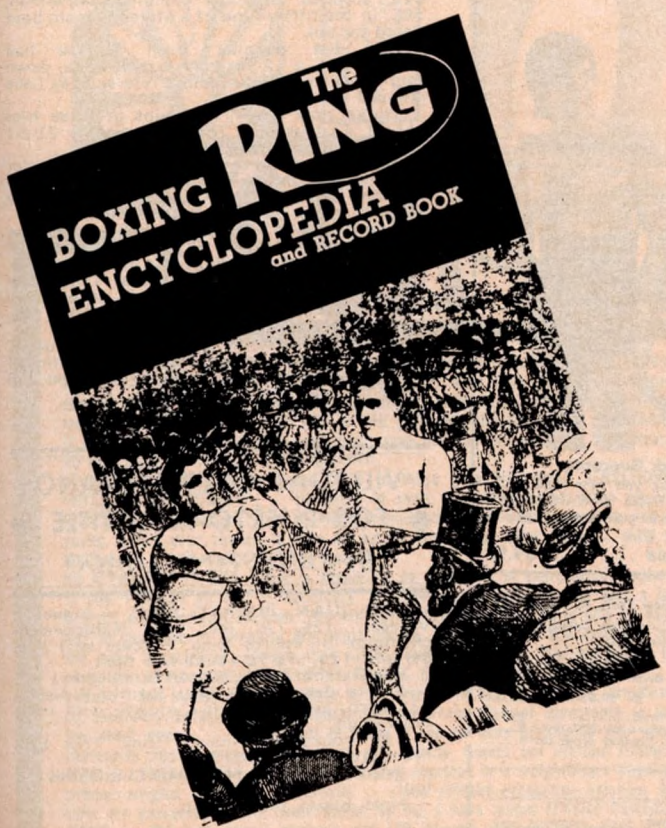

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TEXAS SEES FOREMAN AND TESSMAN SCORE KNOCKOUTS

By GRANEY HAINES

AUSTIN, TEX. — Recent boxing in Texas featured George Foreman's two round KO of Clarence Boone, at Beaumont, and Mark Tessman's one-round KO of Ed Bains at Houston. The results:

Beaumont — George Foreman (224) Kayoed Clarence Boone (205) two; Johnnie Baldwin (162) Tkayoed James Brannon (156) two; Raymond Boyd (149) Tkayoed Morris Crathin (155) four; Frank Castillo (160) Tkayoed Willie Smith (157) one.

▲ **San Antonio** — Samuel Torres (152) Tkayoed Raymond Boyd (150) three; Tommy Von Hatten (150) Tkayoed Augustine M. Gomez (147) five; Tony Rocha (122) decisioned Cisco Reyes (120) four.

▲ **Dallas** — Roy Escalante (140) decisioned Jessie Longoria (140) four; Richard Cole (153) decisioned Weldon Pool (156) six; Tommy Von Hatten (149) Tkayoed Earnest Cokes (151) two; James Helwig (190) Tkayoed Fred Williams (200) three.

▲ **San Antonio** — Sonny Moore (209) Kayoed Terry Krueger (188) three; Morris Crathin (147) decisioned Baldemar Garcia (141) six; Mike LaPorte (147) Tkayoed Jesus Davila (148) three.

▲ **Houston** — Ray Dordain (150) Tkayoed Sammy Lockley (158½) three; Frank Castillo (158½) Kayoed Jesse Wiley (157) one; Willie Monroe (158¾) decisioned Luis Galuan (168) ten; Jessie Garcia (151) and Mario Saurennann (144½) draw, ten; Mark Tessman (175) Kayoed Ed Bains (185) one round.

▲ **Corpus Christi** — Augustin Gomez (149) Kayoed Jesse Davila (147) two; Baldemar Garcia (151) Tkayoed Luis Rodriguez (142) five; Calvin Todd (160½) Tkayoed Javier Jimenez (155) five.

▲ **Beaumont** — Frankie Evans (170) Kayoed Holandus Anderson (172) two; Bruce Scott (167) decisioned Elgie Walters (165) six; Mike LaPorte (147) Tkayoed John Armstrong (147) four; Frank Young (165) Kayoed James Price (165) two.

WILSON OUTPOINTS BARRA IN LAKE TAHOE BATTLE

By MIKE MARLEY

RENO, NEV. — While Bill Miller's Sahara-Tahoe hotel-casino ring shows continue to thrive at Stateline, Reno promoter Buddy Traynor, with the assistance of veteran manager Sid Flaherty, is getting ready to present cards at the Washoe County Fairgrounds.

If Traynor's promotions are a success, Northern Nevada could become one of the busiest boxing areas.

Ronnie Wilson, 166, Burnaby, B.C., native who works out the Flaherty-Danny Rodriguez San Diego stable, ran his Stateline ring record to 5-0 by outpointing Benny Barra, 169, Tucson.

Wilson improved his record to 61-14. "Kid" Barra was unable to solve Wilson's defense.

In the semi-final, Tucson's Ramon Suarez, 146, took a thin points verdict by using his left jab to keep Jaime Campos, 144, San Diego, off balance.

Whenever Suarez was in trouble he would come on amazingly. In the eighth it seemed Campos had him on his way to a ten count. But Suarez shocked the fans by dropping Campos.

Agapito Villegas, 146, San Diego, earned the points nod over Tino Morales, 144, Tuscon, in six.

▲ Four young amateur pugilists from the Stewart Indian School, near Carson City, Nev. showed their wares in the San Francisco Golden Gloves. Everett Serawop and Carlos Johnson, both 139, Gus Vasques (147) and heavyweight Chester Flores met with some success.

▲ Eugene (Honey Bear) Bryant, 161, the veteran from Henderson, Nev. (just outside Las Vegas), scored an unpopular decision win over Johann Louw, 168, South Africa native now living in Edmonton, Alberta, in the main go of another Stateline show.

The aggressive Bryant had trouble with the spindly South African's style. Louw, a graduate student at the University of Edmonton, was a sub for Mike Pusateri.

Chicano clouter Polo Corona, 166½, L.A., won a unanimous decision over Louis (Kid) Boone, 157, a San Angelo, Tex., product now working for the Ted Walker stable of Carson City.

▲ Willie (Fancy Dan) Thomas, 150, San Francisco, made a victorious Sahara-Tahoe debut by TKOing Frank Robinson, 157, Tucson, in the second.

David Askenette, 140, Carson City, easily outpointed Gene Reynolds, 150, Dayton, Nev., in a three round amateur go.

▲ Oregon's heavyweight hope, Terry Hinke, 210, stopped Arizonan Johnny Featherman, 195, in the fifth round of a Stateline main bout slated for ten.

The 6-4 puncher from Eugene had Featherman, a 12-year pro out of Mesa, down four times in the fifth before referee Mills Lane stopped it.

Hinke now owns two wins in three tries against Featherman. The Oregonian is 21-2-1 while the loser slipped to 29-19-1.

Featherman had to get special permission for this fight from the Nevada Athletic Commission. He had just whipped Joe E. Lewis in a Phoenix tenner three evenings earlier.

The fight was one that would have made the Marquis of Queensbury ill. Featherman tossed low shots galore but Hinke also got in a couple.

Elmo Henderson, 195, another Texan now working from Carson City, took an easy, 10 round duke over overmatched Carl Moore, 185, Phoenix, in a semifinal.

Johnny Pinedo, a comer from Modesto, KO'd Gary Raymond of Tucson in the third of a slated six frame prelim. The winner was 148 while the loser checked in at 145.

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VILLEGAS OVER SERRANO FOR PUERTO RICO TITLE

By ERNESTO SALGADO

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO — Francisco Villegas, 126, is the new featherweight champion of Puerto Rico. Frankie beat Sam Serrano, 126, in a 12-4ound title fight.

Ben Ramirez beat Eduardo Santiago in a ten.

Freyta Caban, 128, beat Juanito Figueroa, 138 each, by TKO in five rounds, with three more to go.

118 pound Dominican Tony Triss beat Francisco Cruz in a six.

Uris Ramos, 118, beat Jorge Luis Nieves in a four.

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DEJESUS IMPRESSES IN ●KO VICTORY OVER FOSTER●

By SAM TAUB

The first of five New York Felt Forum Monday night fistic affairs brought out a live prospect in the feature, Esteban DeJesus, from Carolinas, Puerto Rico. He did a swell job with his one-two combinations, plus a dynamic right, to register an eighth round T.K.O. over George Foster, from New York. Esteban starred before 2,499 fans. The gate, $7,500.

The 21-year-old invader, who upped his record to 25 wins against one loss, gave Foster a thorough going over, scoring knockdowns in the second, third and sixth rounds, by which time it would have been O.K. to call a halt.

Foster was game and willing but was dangerously close to being badly hurt. Referee Mark Conn did call it off when a crushing right staggered Foster, the end coming in 1:33 of the eighth. The fight earlier ceased to be a contest. Wonder what became of the rule that called for a fight to be stopped when an opponent was outclassed?

DeJesus, still young and probably still learning, made a decided hit. He scaled 136 to the loser's 134. The Judges were Johnny Green and Tony Castellano.

There was a six-round semi-final, between tall Eddy Pitou, 134, and small Ahmet Tosci, 135. Pitou won unanimously but the little guy showed plenty of fight. The winner is from Argentina, and the loser from Istanbul, Turkey.

Fernando Jiminez, from Santo Domingo, gained a majority win over Azael Curet, Paterson, N.J., a pair of 129 pounders.

Marcos Fugueroa, New York, 149, was a unanimous victor over Bobby James, Paterson, 141.

The card introduced the new Felt Forum announcer, Jim Torain.

A freak accident involved Chief Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris, who fell over a chair and reportedly broke bones in his right elbow and wrist.

▲They almost unveiled another promising one at the second of the Felt Forum shows when suddenly the unexpected happened in the scheduled twelve round feature, advertised as being for the Puerto Rican bantam crown, Wilson Yambo, from Ponce, P.R., met David Vasquez, New York college student, each scaling 118 pounds.

Yambo, who came in with a 21-5-1 record, appeared sure to win but soon it was all over. After the eighth round, Yambo told Referee Tony Perez that he had injured his right hand in the fourth and was in too great pain to continue. That ended the fireworks with a TKO for Vasquez.

A crowd of 2,507, that paid $7,569.54, was stunned at the sudden ending. We had Yambo, a classy boxer, with good moves in both hands, ahead 4-3-1. Vasquez, a slow starter, danced too much, apparently figuring his foe, who had never gone twelve rounds, would tire.

At the end of the sixth, Yambo had four rounds in his favor, Vasquez capturing only the fourth, with the fifth a dead heat. Davey suffered a bad cut over the left eye in the third.

In the seventh the New Yorker started to come, after losing the early part of the session, he stole the round and dominated the action in the eighth, with two fisted attacks to the body and face.

The preliminaries were action filled. Tom Kocan, 177, beat Manuel Colazzo, 184½. The winner tired himself in the fourth round and the loser, smaller in height, was a rugged competitor.

Fernando Jiminez, from Santo Domingo, 129, was a 2:14 T.K.O. winner in the first round over Dave Smith, Newark, N.J., 130.

Vilomar Fernandez defeated his New York opponent, Jose Resto, both scaling 130 pounds. Jiminez belted Smith as he was getting up from a knockdown and Referee Kronowitz intervened.

Eddie Vargas, Bronxite, 150½, and Steve Sims, another New Yorker, 150½, battled to a draw.

HARRIS OVER SORIANO, BUT ●WHO REALLY WON FIGHT?●

By ELLIOTT HARVITH

DETROIT, MICH. — For the first time in years a fight card in Detroit achieved SRO status with 2,300 at State Fairgrounds to witness Lou Handler's all-star card, Handler, who had absorbed losses in 8 promotions, refused to throw in a towel.

Welterweight champion of Michigan, Ron Harris, 148, Detroit, took a 10 round duke over Raul Soriano, 148, Mexico, in a hard-fought battle. Harris is now 21-1-1 and one of the finest boxers in the country. He found Soriano, a veteran of over 72 recorded ring battles, too clever and experienced. Putting up a great battle, Soriano had the best of the fighting and deserved a better deal. There were no knockdowns.

Michigan's most colorful boxer, Top Cat Johnson, 147, Detroit, stopped young Sammy Maul, 145, Dayton, in 4 rounds in a real war. Maul held the edge the first 2 rounds. However, in the 3rd, Maul suffered a bad eye cut and by the 4th the eye was shut and Dr. Robert Bennett called a halt. Top Cat is now 11-2-2.

John Mangum, 162, Detroit, stopped shop-worn Jimmy Meilleur, 158, Windsor in 5 to run his record to 9-0. Mangum completely outboxed Meilleur the first 4. In the 5th John staggered Meilleur with a two-fisted attack and it was stopped with Meilleur on queer street.

Terry Summerhays, 138, Brantford, Ont. took a dull 6 over Charlie Shufford, 140, Martinsville, Va. It was a shutout.

▲**WINNIPEG, CAN.** — It was stiffs' holiday here, and Detroit had the starring role. The 35 year old Jesse Faegin opened the show and did a fine job of getting flattened in 2 rounds by Muhamad Kamerick.

Faegin, who was brought out of a 10 year retirement! Things got even more comical in the next bout when hog-fat pot-bellied flabby and out of shape 41 year old Sam Poe, of Detroit, found round 2 to take the easy way out against Nafiz Ahmed. Jolly ol Sam Poe, a stiff who, save one bout, had not fought in 11 years!

The 3rd and final Detroit entry, one James Christopher, went out in 2 against George Chuvalo. Wonderful James Christopher, a stiff who had not fought since 1969 and owns a 4-19-2 record.

▲**DETROIT** — Popular ring announcer Bill Donahue died here at age 69, Donahue was ring announcer for hundreds of fight cards for 30 years.

▲**KALAMAZOO** — Making his ring comeback after a 3 year layoff under his new ring name of Big George Godfrey the Third, 300½ pound Rufus McKiney, of Detroit, was KO'ed in 2 by Charlie Boston, 213, Winston-Salem, N.C. before 1,700 at the Western Michigan Field House.

Big George was in complete contact the first 2 minutes landing as he pleased with hard lefts and rights and an occasional bolo. However, condition told and he ran out of steam. He came out for round 2 rubber-legged and at the 1:24 mark dropped from exhaustion.

In the main-event Len Hutchins, 174, Detroit, took a 10 over washed-up Roger Rouse, 171, Anaconda, Mont.

▲**DEARBORN** — One-time heavyweight champion of Michigan, Tiny Groves died here at age 66. Groves fought Charlie Retzlaff and Michigan champ Kid Hans. He was Michigan champ in 1929.

VENTURA AND QUINNEY ● WINNERS IN COMEBACKS ●

By HARRY GILL

BUFFALO, N.Y. — 1300 fans paid $5200 to see Tony Ventura of Lockport and Al Quinney of Buffalo in comeback bids.

Ventura had little trouble beating Wild Man Wilburn of Asbury Park, N.J. in 45 seconds.

Quinney had to go the distance with southpaw James Parks, Cleveland, to gain the nod in a close 10.

The fight that had the fans excited was between Turhan (Santa) Clause of Sanborn, N.Y. and Aldo Carelli of Toronto. They stood toe to toe for 4 rounds. Both were rocked but there were no knockdowns. The fans gave them a standing ovation and a shower of cash. This was Santa's first pro go.

John Taylor, 160, Lockport, stopped Sylvester Wilder, of Cleveland in the last of a 4 rounder.

Alan Kemp, 160, made good his pro debut by putting the stopper on Jimmy Jenkins, New York, in four.

Lloyd Richardson, 180, Buffalo, beat George Ferenczi, Toronto, 1:46, first round.

Jimmy "Nobody" (announced name), Toronto won a 4 over Alvin Gibbs, Niagara Falls.

Johnny Jackson, 173, Buffalo, scored a clean K.O. in round one over Roy Smith, New York.

Julio Mandell, Toronto, 131, stopped Curtis Burks, 136, Cleveland, in 3.

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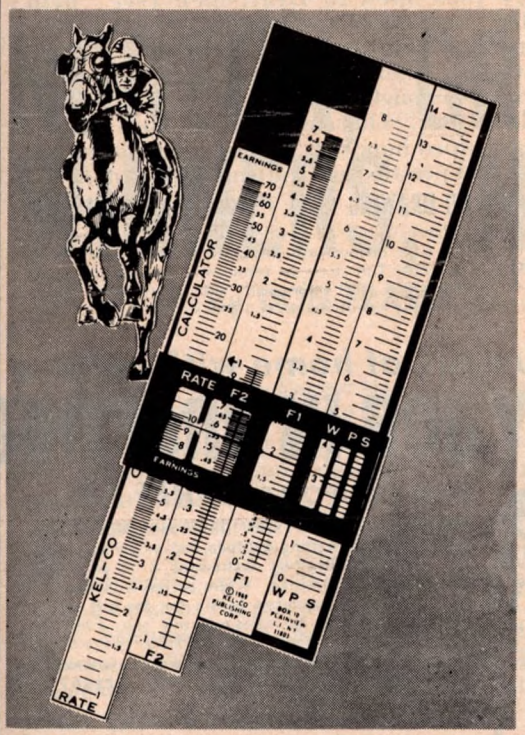

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WEPNER AVENGES DEFEAT BY NEUMANN IN 12

By RONNIE BURNS BOUSE

JERSEY CITY, N. J. — Ex-champion Chuck Wepner, regained his state heavyweight crown with a 12 round nod over Cliffside Park's Randy "Candy" Neumann.

Wepner took quick command of the contest and stayed on top of Neumann. There were no knockdowns. Referee Mickey Greb, the only judge, scored it 9-3 for Chuck. A poll of the ringside press had 8 voting for Randy, one Wepner. How come?

Eight round semi saw West New York's Pat Murphy win an unpopular decision over Trinidad's Winston Noels. Referee Ronnie Burns.

Hector Perez, 148, Jersey City, kayoed Jose Camarena, P.R., in four, Jersey City's Richie Villaneuva stopped Bronx's Heriberto Cintron in two, junior lightweights; King George Aiddo, 159, Jersey City, scored a TKO in 1:12 of the first round over Charley Hayward, 159, New York.

Over 3,000 fans paid better than $13,000 to promoter Willie Glizenberg's delight.

Wepner is reported to have retired.

▲**NORTH BERGEN, N. J.** — The main event at Embassy Hall saw world ranked 175 pounder Jimmy Dupree of Jersey City outpoint "Red Top" Owens the current New England lightheavy champ in a ten round go before a packed house.

Both got off fast with the husky New Englander tearing in good body and head shots in the opening rounds, only to have the 174 pound Jersey veteran take the play away from him with his talent.

The start of the seventh saw Dupree throwing his stinging left jab. Then he hit his foe with a good right hand head shot only to have Owens unleash a blistering two handed attack that dropped Dupree to the canvas.

At the count of three Dupree arose in deep trouble to take the required eight count. He held on as the bell rang, the last three rounds saw Dupree pull it out of the fire.

The semi final saw Marshall Parmalee, 222, Bayonne, continue on his winning ways as he ko'd Jasper Evans, 213, New York, in 3.

A sixer saw Keven Pentalow, 184, NYC, take a six round duke over 184 pound Manny Collazo of New York.

"King" George Aidoo, 160, Ghanna, scored a TKO over Johnny Vivanz, 166, of the Bronx.

▲**NORTH BERGEN** — Mario Rosa, 160, Paterson, scored a ten round victory over New York veteran Ricky Ortiz, 157, at Embassy Hall. Rosa lost the state middle title last month by a thin margin against Lenny Harden of Rahway.

It was the determined aggressiveness by Rosa against the shifty boxing and counter punching by Ortiz that decided for referee Ronnie Burns. The decision upped Rosa's record to 8-2.

In the semi final Kevin Pentalow, 185, N.Y.C. continued unbeaten as he won the six round duke over Rodell Dupree, 182, Jersey City. Another six saw windmilling Pat Quiniones, 172, Paterson, win over the local favorite, Frankie Citro, 172, Jersey City. the last six saw Johnnie Magna, 144, Bayonne, win by a KO in the first over Barry Paymen, 146, New York.

In a four, Jose Conception, 154, P. R., finished stronger to eke out a thin margin over Long Islander, Jim Gibney, 161.

In four, John L. Sullivan, 132, North Arlington, got the decision over Pablo Neives, 131, Puerto Rico.

O'CONNOR KEEPS ROLLING ALONG, OSTOPOVICH LATEST

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

LaCROSSE, WISC. — Pat O'Connor's latest win was hardly a workout for the "Charisma Kid." O'Connor, of Rochester, Minn. stopped Ed Ostopovich of Vancouver, Canada, at the Sawyer Auditorium. Pat is now 27-0 and Ostopovich, a class C ranking light heavy, is 13-9.

O'Connor spent the first two rounds sharpening his boxing while Ostopovich provided little competition. In the third round Pat decided to end the affair, staggering Ostopovich with lefts and rights to the head. O'Connor then sank a powerful left to the body and a solid right to the jaw sending Ostopovich to the canvas. He got up but the referee called a halt at 2:17 of the third round. O'Connor weighed in at 171¾, and Ostopovich, 172.

Tom Van Hoof, 179¾, Winona, Minn. (4-1-0) stopped Curt Yancey, 170¼, Minneapolis (1-8-0) 4.

Rodney Bobick, 247¾, Bowlus, Minn. (2-0-0) stopped one C. J. Cabbel, 243½, Pittsburgh, 4.

▲At Las Vegas, the traveling Jimenez brothers, Fred and Frank, headlined a Silver Slipper card for promoter Bill Miller. Fred Jimenez, 146½, St. Paul, won a ten round decision over Eltfat Talebi, 148, San Francisco.

Frank Jimenez, 157, Albert Lea, Minn. was stopped at the end of the second round by John L. Sullivan, 162, Spirit Lake, Idaho. Frank suffered chest pains in the second round, and on doctor's orders didn't come out for the third round. A hospital stay showed nothing serious.

▲Karl Zurheide, 177, Fond Du Lac, Wisc. lost a ten round decision to Eddie "Bossman" Jones, 181, Oakland at the Silver Slipper.

▲Glen Flanagan, former St. Paul boxer, and now an insurance man, was granted a license by the State Athletic Commission to promote boxing in St. Paul.

Jack Raleigh had his license for St. Paul renewed. Raleigh put on two shows last year, and cancelled many.

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NORTON, GRIFFITH FEATURE WINNERS, NAVARRO TROUBLED

By DON FRASER

SAN DIEGO, CAL. – Former Marine Corps champion Ken Norton, 212, San Diego, and Jack (the Giant) O'Halloran, 243, La Jolla, staged probably the best action fight in San Diego history. They waged a dock brawl before a near sellout crowd at the Coliseum.

O'Halloran was down twice and Norton was cut as they stood toe to toe trying to find out who could punch harder. The final verdict saw Norton get the nod, a unanimous 10-round decision. The gate was $9,100.

Jose Valenzuela, 134, National City, outpointed ChiChi Ontreveras, 130, National City, (6): Greg Potter, 141, Wilmington, KO over Ray Llamas, 139, National City: David Herrera, 141½, San Diego, decision over Shirley Grady, 146, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LONG BEACH** – Armando Muniz, 151, making his first start since his loss to Emile Griffith, scored a hard fought, but unanimous decision over seasoned Peter Cobblah, 150, West Africa, in the 10-round feature at the Auditorium.

Muniz took as much as he gave, as Cobblah refused to fold under Armando's combinations. Both fighters landed their best shots to no KO avail as the match went the distance and Muniz scoring the victory.

Pete Vital, 134, East Los Angeles, decisioned Gabriel Vega, 135½, National City, (6); Tony Morales, 147, Anaheim outpointed Elezar Juarez, 148, Hermosillo, (6); Don Smith, 164, Los Angeles decisioned John Dunn, 166, Compton (4).

▲**SAN FRANCISCO** – California heavyweight champion, Henry Clark, 212½, handed James J. Woody, 206, New York, a boxing lesson in the 10-round feature at the Garden City Boxing Club.

Clark was making only his second start of the year due to lack of willing opponents. Bad Henry might be paired with San Diego's Ken Norton for the state title.

Steve (Iceman) Carter, 214, San Jose outpointed Argentina champion, Eduardo Corletti, 204, in the 10-round semi-main; Hildo Silva, 168, San Diego, decisioned Steve Ewell, 158½, Los Angeles (8).

▲**LOS ANGELES** – Emile Griffith, at age 34, is still a crack fighting machine.

At least Ernie (Red) Lopez must think so.

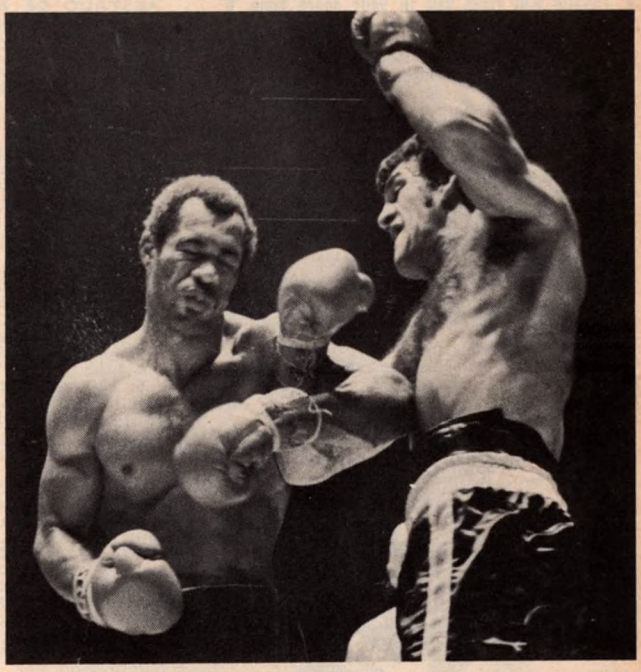
Lopez, a leading contender for the welterweight crown, has lost twice to the former welter and middleweight king.

Last year, in Las Vegas, Emile was a tight points winner and again at Olympic, Griffith proved to be Ernie's master.

It was a close tussle all the way with Griffith taking advantage of Lopez, when Ernie slowed down and became an easy target.

Griffith, 153, landed the cleaner and sharper punches. Lopez, 152½, was aggressive, but just couldn't hurt the veteran.

The gate was $62,255 with Griffith collecting a $20,000 guarantee. Lopez was paid $15,000.



Ken Norton (left) and Jack O'Halloran mix it up during their action-packed 10-rounder at San Diego. Norton received the unanimous verdict. O'Halloran was floored twice.

Thurman Durden, 150, Los Angeles, was a knockout winner over Raul Rodriguez, 148, Mexico City, in the eighth round.

Jorge Rodriguez, 128, East Los Angeles, KO over Al de la Rosa, 128, Los Angeles, (7). Robert Villanueva, 158½, Pomona, decisioned Jose Navarro, 158½, (4); Hector Rodriguez, 124, East Los Angeles, drew with Manny Leon, 123, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LONG BEACH** – Ruben Navarro, 136½, never at a loss for words, says he can beat any lightweight in the world, including Ken Buchanan, Mando Ramos and Pedro Carrasco.

But, club-fighting Raul (Lobito) Montoya, 137, gave Ruben plenty of trouble in their 10-rounder at the Auditorium here. While the decision was unanimous, Navarro never came close to flooring his Latin rival.

A steady left jab gave Ruben the edge in the fast moving scrap. The scoring was as follows: Referee John Thomas, 6-3; judge Bob Dossey, 7-2; and judge Abe Cohen, 6-3.

Alphonso Gonzalez, 160, Los Angeles, stopped Danny Kimberling, 159, Oakland, (5); ChiChi Ontrevas, 133, San Diego, decisioned Beaver Montero, 134, Long Beach, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** – Benny Rodriguez, 119, Los Angeles, whipped Johnny Moreno, 119, San Antonio, in a battle of bantams with perfect records.

The bout was halted after 1:45 of the eighth round, when a badly cut left eye forced Moreno out of combat.

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MEXICAN FANS STILL • WONDER HOW HERRERA • TOOK TITLE FROM RUBEN

By EDUARDO AMER G.

MEXICO, D. F. — Boxing fans in this part of the world still are talking about the upset in which Rafael Herrera, 117, knocked out Ruben Olivares, 117, in the eighth round and won the world bantamweight title.

There is talk of a return match, in which it would not surprise the aficionadas if Ruben went into the ring the favorite.

However, Herrera is a fine fighter and he proved it aplenty with his victory over Olivares.

On the same card at Estado de Mexico, before 19,000 customers who shelled out $150,000:

▲**ESTADO DE MEXICO** — Rogelio Lara, 117, won by a decision from Yoshiki Suda, 117, Japan, in ten. Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 118, tko'd Kunian Takeuchi, 118, Japan, in six. Cesar Deciga, 117, bested Memo Espinosa, 118, in ten. Carlos Zarate, 115, tko'd Jose Luis Morales ("Ranita" Torres), 118, in two. Locale: El Toreo; Receipts: 150,000 dollars; Attend: 19,000.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Mexican flyweight king, Miguel Canto, kayoed Armando Villa, 113, in four rounds with a left hook to the stomach. Villa announced his retirement. Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 128, defeated Jalisco Kid, 130, in 10. Joe "Dinamita" Hernandez, 124, tko'd Choforo Roman, 125, in three. Joe Camargo, 135, tko'd "Pulgarcito" Heredia, 134, in nine. Evelio "Zurdo" Munoz, 113, beat Gaspar Congora, 115, in four.

▲**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA** — Erubey "Chango" Carmona, 134, tko'd Raymundo Dias, 135, of Brasil, in 8. Joe Valdez, 124, tko'd Juan "Ranita" Robles, 125, in 7. "Papo" Villa, 145, of Puerto Rico, tko'd Rosendo Ruvalcaba, 146, in 5.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA** — Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, tko'd Eli Axinto, 112, of Phillipine Islands, in nine. Jose Cruz "Fachoso" Garcia, 112, embalmed Esteban Rangel, 112, in 7. Jorge Carrasco, 134, iced Denny Yound, 134, in one. Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 132, tko'd "Chocolate" Ramos, 136, in nine.

▲**AGUA PRIETA, SONORA** — Raul Delgado, 152, stopped Bobby Razcon, 154, in 3 and retained Mexican middleweight belt.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Alberto "Costenito" Morales, 111, outpointed Tony Moreno, 110, Texas, in ten. Leoncio Ortiz, 137, tko'd Fermin Soto, 134, in six. Leo Palacios, 112, tko'd Jesus "Titino" Gonzalez, 112, in 3. Alfonso Aguilar, 111, tko'd Ray Fuentes, 115, in two.

▲**CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Julio Guerrero, 118, knocked out Jose Angel Sandoval, 117, in 8.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 124, tko'd Tony Gurrola, 124, in 3.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON** — Jose Eleuterio Luna, 124, nailed Jose Napoleon Magana, 125, in 3.

▲**CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Chucho Almazan, 134, flattened "Panterita" Romero, 133, in six. Juan Ramos, 144, disposed of Johnny Gonzalez, 145, in six.

▲**AGUA PRIETA, SONORA** — Bernane "Babe" Vazquez, 136, won from Regino Corral, 134, in ten.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Miguel Canto, 112, won as he pleased from Jose "Carbonero" Vargas, 113, in ten rounds. Magallo Lozada, 119, tko'd Leon Meza, 119, in 3. Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 111, tko'd Pino Pinolillo, 111, in 4. Luis "Black" Garcia, 116, halted Joe del Angel, 117, in four. Gaspar Ortega, 111, and Romulo Cortes, 111, drew in 4.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Gustavo Garcia, 145, outscored Jose Palacios, 144, in ten. Eleazar Morales, 127, ko'd Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 126, in 4.

▲**CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Jose Luis Soto, 116, bombed Enrique Meza, 116, in two.

▲**SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA** — Jose Torres, 137, tko'd "Chango" Moreno, 138, in six. Jesus Cuica, 112, flatténed Rodolfo "Chamaco" Lopez, 112, in four.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Domingo Ledezma, 112, outpointed Juan Jose Guzman, 113, in ten. Chucho Aparicio, 133, tko'd Cuco Nieves, 134, in 9.

▲**ACAPULCO** — San Chavez, 123, tko'd Carlos Tornes, 124, in 6. Ramon Martinez, 134, won over Ricardo Escalante, 133, in ten.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.**— Cornelio "Memin" Vega, 125, tko'd Jose Salas, 124, in 2. Memo Hernandez, 134, tko'd Agustin Chavez, 134, in 6. Jose Figueroa, 135, halted Boni Valdez, 134, in 5.

▲**REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS** — Raymundo "Battling" Torres, 151, tko'd Johnny Armstrong (Who's this guy?), 150, of USA, in 4. Jose Luis Baltazar, 145, decisioned Manuel "Sonrisas" Avitia, 146, in ten. Manny Ibarra, 117, stopped Apolonio Salinas, 117, in two.

▲**LAS CRUCES, GUERRERO** — Margarito Toledo, 116, ko'd Regulo Morales, 116, in 8. Leonel Galeana, 112, tko'd Sessi Villanueva, 111, in three.

▲**SAN JERONIMO, GUERRERO** — Francisco "Borrego" Palacios, 114, tko'd Toribio Meza, 116, in 6.

▲**NOGALES** — Cipriano Hernandez, 153, won from Eduardo Coffey, 152, in ten.

▲**LAS CRUCES, GUERRERO** — Alfonso "Zurdo" Rivera, 112, tko'd Gerardo Ortiz, 111, in 6. Emilio "Cachas" Zamora, 114, KO'd Antelmo Bello, 115, in two.

▲**MEXICO, D.F.** — Tomas Frias, 125, beat Roberto Reyes, 125, in 10. Juan Ordonez, 122, defeated Nacho Hernandez, 123, in ten.

▲**MERIDA, YUCATAN** — Vicente Pool, 116, disposed of Antonio "Negrito" Munoz, 115, in four. Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 110, kayoed Francisco "Borrego" Palacios, 111, in two. William Valencia, 125, tko'd Kid Tepakan, 125, in 8. Joe Bosco, 139, tko'd Antonio "Bonavena" Garcia, 143, in 3. Irving Cetina, 110, beat Gallito Lozada, 110, in 4.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Manuel Andrade, 124, tko'd Antonio Balderas, 123, in 3. Nacho Lomeli, 117, decisioned Antonio Leon, 117, in 8.

▲**MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS** — Miguel Hernandez, 133, won by disqualification from Chuy Rocha, 125, in four. Rocha tried to knock out the referee.

▲**TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS** — "Chamaco" Casanova, 124, tko'd Ney Gordillo, 124, in four.

▲**MONTERREY** — Erasmo Flores, 112, beat "Chamaco" Limon, 112, in ten. Carlos Coronado, 127, tko'd Guillermo Rodriguez, 128, in 4.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Beto Maya, 124, outpointed Lupe Candela, 125, in ten. Angel Javier Medel, 133, tko'd Jesus Vargas, 124, in two.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — "Pinguino" Torres, 115, halted Jesus Alfaro, 114, in four. Angel Jaramillo, 115, tko'd Juan Gomez, 115, in 4.

▲**SAN LUIS POTOSI** — Angel Hernandez, 124, ko'd Pablo Valencia, 124, in seven.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Rosendo "Sonrisas" Ruvalcaba, 147, tko'd Gustavo Garcia, 146, in three. Chalio Salazar, 124, won over Jesus Hernandez Valdez, 123, in 8.

▲**MEXICALI** — Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 134, tko'd Vil Tumulak, 133, Phillipines, in four. Ricardo "Macanas" Garcia, 125, decisioned Lupe Mendez, 124, in ten.

▲**TRES PALOS, GUERRERO** — Chuy Escobar, 117, stopped "Halcon" Pena, 117, in 5. "Yegua" Hernandez, 124, ko'd Julio Dominguez, 125, in 5.

▲**LAS CRUCES, GUERRERO** — Antonio "Negrito" Munoz, 115, tko'd Pablo Porfirio, 114, in 8. Benjamin Cruz, 115, iced "Zurdo" Munoz, 115, in 1.

▲**ZINAPECUARO, MICHOACAN** — Joaquin "Chaparro" Heredia, 123, embalmed Miguel Angel Portugal, 121, in 3.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Fernando Fernandez, 118, polished off Victor Ramirez, 117, in 4. Antonio Leon, 118, tko'd Carlos Ramirez, 117, in 2.

▲**GUADALAJARA** — Salvador Martinez Carrillo "Guero Papero," 117, tko'd Felipe "Cachorro" Ursua, 117, in 8. Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 119, put Miguel Angel Arias, 118, to sleep in the second.

▲**ACAPULCO** — Juan Alvarez, 112, outpointed Emiliano "Tortuga" Mayoral, 113, in ten. Raul Guillen, 124, technically stopped Silvestre Pino, 124, in two.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Arturo Leon, 117, tko'd Jorge Reyes, 117, in 8. Jesus Cedeno, 125, tko'd Jorge Aguilar, 126, in 6. Manuel Castaneda, 110, defeated Alfonso Aguilar, 111, in 8. Raul German, 111, lost to Fabian Garcia, 112, in six. Jorge Nava, 113, whipped Victor Ramos, 112, in four.

▲**LAS CRUCES, GUERRERO** — Aurelio Portillo Munoz, 124, tko'd Susano del Valle, 124, in 4. Ulises "Charrito" Rivera, 110, and Eugenio Hernandez, 111, drew in 8.

▲**MEXICO, D. F.** — Jesus "Chuy" Rodriguez, 125, bested Salvador "Lobito" Lozano, 124, in ten. Jose Luis Menchaca, 123, tko'd San Lopez, 122, in the second.

▲Former World featherweight champion Vicente Saldivar (Vicente Samuel Saldivar Garcia) has announced his retirement from boxing, after eleven years in the ring.

HENRIQUE BOMBS JACOBI • IN SECOND IN BRAZIL •

By GLICER MATTEI

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL — At Ibirapuera Stadium, Joao Henrique, Brazilian and South American junior welterweight champion, kayoed Klaus Jacobi (Alemao) in two rounds.

FINNEGAN IN FIVE, EVANS FINDS RUSHING INEFFECTIVE

By EDDIE LONG

LONDON, England – Chris Finnegan, 172½, British, European and Commonwealth light heavyweight champion stopped unrated Jerry Evans, America, 180½, in five rounds. Promoter Mike Barrett promised that he would make every effort to clinch a world title fight for Chris. This bout would be held in Albert Hall.

It was an easy win for Finnegan. Evans came in quickly, head down, swinging wildly with both hands. He incurred two warnings in the first round for misuse of the head.

As the fight proceeded, Finnegan found his range, and had no difficulty in dealing with the American's rushing tactics. Evans got slower, and Finnegan took advantage by whipping in body hooks.

Evans proved plucky enough, but didn't possess the skill to cope with the clever boxing of Finnegan, who was proving that he could fight as well as box.

In the fourth Finnegan was landing punches practically at will. Referee Harry Gibbs intervened in the fifth to save the American from further punishment.

Bunny Sterling, Jamaica-born and London-based, was fortunate to beat American Tom Bethea, the bout being stopped in the ninth round when Bethea suffered an injury to his left eye. Up to then Bethea was in front on points.

Each boxer weighed 165 pounds, quite heavy for Sterling, who looks to be having trouble in making the middleweight poundage.

Bethea had beaten two Britishers in London, Mark Rowe (twice) and Johnny Frankham, and quickly showed that he was not going to stay back so that he was a target for Sterling's accurate left jab.

From the opening bell Tom bustled in, and continued to force the pace. Sterling just had to give ground, and although he tried his best to keep Bethea off by clever boxing and moving, the American would not be subdued.

There were occasions when Sterling was able to use his left hand to good effect, but these were rare, and just as it looked that he was due for a points defeat Bethea's eyelid was cut, and the fight called off in the ninth.

'Gypsy' Johnny Frankham, Reading, 178½, outpointed Ruben Figueroa, Puerto Rico, 181½, over ten rounds, with only the latter part of the contest providing the excitement.

Frankham, noted for his clowning, cut it out against Karl Zurheide and his points win was a quiet one. This time he gave the fans a good mixture of comedy and drama, culminating in an easy victory.

Figueroa had the strength and the courage, and was always willing to move

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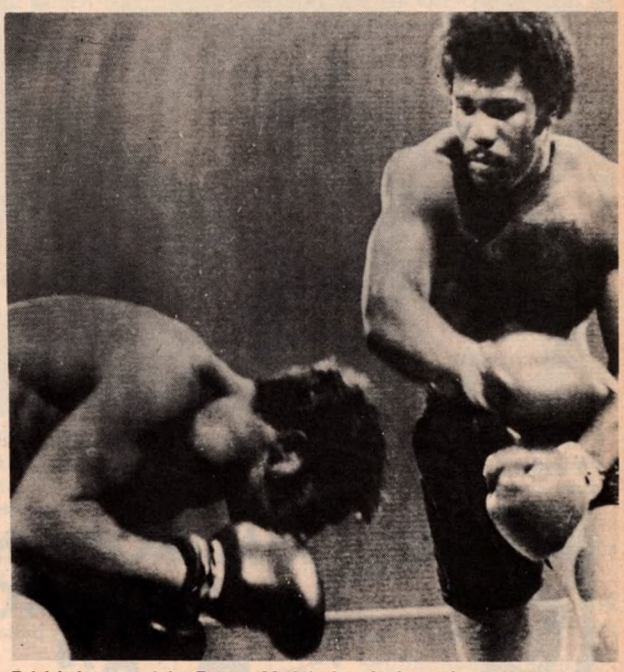

British heavyweight Danny McAlinden ducks and attempts to cover up as Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md., unleashes an attack. The American stopped his foe in the eighth round.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

AS OF MAY 15, 1972

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Jack Bodell (E)

1. George Chuvalo (C)
2. Danny McAlinden (I)
3. Joe Bugner (E)
4. Bill Drover (C)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (J)
7. Rocky Campbell (An.)
8. Richard Dunn (E)
9. Mani Vaka (T)
10. Foster Bibron (A)

CRUISERWEIGHT

Champion
Chris Finnegan (E)

1. Gomeo Brennan (Bah.)
2. Eddie Avoth (W)
3. Lloyd Walford (J)
4. Roy John (W)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Dave Hawkes (E)
7. Guinea Roger (N)
8. Johnny Gorkum (A)
9. Ronnie Wilson (C)
10. Keith Drewett (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Matt Donovan (J)
3. Carlos Marks (T)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Kevin Finnegan (E)
6. Eric Blake (E)
7. Harry Scott (E)
8. Don McMillan (S)
9. Howard Sharpe (J)
10. Mark Rowe (E)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Ralph Charles (E)

1. Clyde Gray (C)
2. Peter Cobblah (G)
3. Bunny Grant (J)
4. Johnny Stracey (E)
5. Eddie Blay (G)
6. Ricky Porter (E)
7. Rey Cantin (C)
8. Wayne Bannister (A)
9. Bonny Arthur (E)
10. Les Pearson (E)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Joe Tetteh (G)
3. Al Ford (C)
4. Manny Santos (NZ)
5. Jeff White (A)
6. Willie Reilly (S)
7. Jim Watt (S)
8. John O'Brien (S)
9. Hector Thompson (A)
10. Rex Redfern (A)

FEATHERWEIGHT

Champion
Toro George (NZ)

1. Love Allotey (G)
2. Evan Armstrong (S)
3. Jimmy Bell (S)
4. Tommy Glencross (S)
5. Howard Hayes (E)
6. Lucky Gattellari (A)
7. Bill Moeller (A)
8. Rocky McDougall (C)
9. Billy McGrandle (C)
10. Les Gillis (C)

BANTAMWEIGHT

Champion
Alan Rudkin (E)

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paul Ferreri (A)
3. John Kellie (S)
4. David Needham (E)
5. Paddy Maguire (I)
6. Paddy Graham (I)
7. Colin Miles (W)
8. Joe Annetta (A)
9. Willie Leslie (A)
10. Eric Elderfield (E)

FLYWEIGHT

Champion
Henry Nissen (A)

1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Harry Hayes (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; Bh British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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JAPAN BOXING IN LULL, ● TV SUPPORT WITHDRAWN ●

By JOE G. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — The Muhammad Ali-Mac Foster affair has happened, and good riddance. Affairs like that cannot but hurt boxing in Nippon. They take a lot of boxing money out of the country and leave nothing behind.

Boxing in Japan, which had reached so high a level, now is suffering badly because fighters are retiring. Examples, Kanazawa, Kobyashi and Numata, and the television companies have withdrawn their support from boxing. They had been running it.

Japan likes boxing and the game will rebound after a while.

In the meantime matchmakers and promoters must be very careful and foreigners should not be imported unless for championship action.

▲Steve Smith, 159¾, decisioned lefty Turtle Okabe, 158¼, in 10 frames at Nagoya Gymnasium. In Himeji-City, Kenji Hayashi was upset by Toshiharu Mori via a fourth round kayo. They were junior lightweights.

▲Before only 900 fans, Mitsuru Sen, 110¾, got off the canvas in the fourth round and came back to decision Takeo Sukegawa, 112, in 10 rounds at Korakuen Hall.

▲Sharp and fast Masao Ohba, WBA's flyweight titlist, fought well, and defeated Susumu Hanagata, fellow countryman and boss in Japan, by a nod in hot 15 rounds at Nihon University Auditorium. A split, but popular. There were no knockdowns.

The Japanese fighters battled a total war to the end. Masao's superior left punches carried him to an important victory. Referee Tezaki saw it 71-71, but other judges, Ugo and Morita, took Masao for a decisive winner by 74-69 and 72-68, respectively. The flyweight tipped the beam at 111¾ each.

▲Hard-hitting Mikio Nakata came back from a knockdown in the opening session, and iced Hideki Watanuki in the second canto at Korakuen Hall. They scaled at 113½. It was Nakata's 15th Ko in 21 wins.

▲Former Orient welter and junior middleweight champion Hisao Minami announced his retirement.

▲Hiroshi Hikichi, 134, in perfect command, stopped Isao Shiiya, 135, in the tenth and final session at Korakuen Hall.

▲Orient welter ruler Ryu Sorimachi, 146¾, barely kept his title, as he was annoyed by his rival's mobility and earned a hairline nod from Takatsune Shimizu, 146¼, national titlist, in 12 monotonous rounds at Korakuen Hall. They were booed.

▲Undefeated Susumu Okabe became the junior lightweight champion of the Orient, when he barely beat Flash Gallego, Filipino, in 12 dull rounds. The eliminator followed Rene Barrientos' sudden relinquishment to the OBF because he had outgrown the division.

▲In Yamagata, left-hander Sarutobi Koyama decisively whipped Yoshinobu Goto in 10 rounds to retain Japan's junior featherweight crown.

▲New Oriental champion, by an upset win from Shinichi Kadota, Ishimatsu Suzuki won from tricky lefty Hiroyuki Murakami in 10 rounds at Korakuen Hall.

▲Seoul, Korea, witnessed Chang-Kil Lee finish Japan's Shinichi Sato, in the seventh round to retain his crown.

▲Kazuyoshi Kanazawa, current Oriental bantamweight champion, suddenly decided to hang up his gloves due to his eye a trouble caused by a kayo by Ruben Olivares last year. His record is 30 wins (17 knockouts) against 10 defeats and one draw.

▲Yoshiaki Numata, former junior lightweight champion of the world, was knocked out in his comeback bout by Japan's titlist Kenji Iwata in the third round at Korakuen Hall.

Iwao Kodaka, manager of Numata, announced his man's farewell. Numata, a fine footworker, never used his mobility to exchange solid punches toe-to-toe. Iwata nailed the former-champ with a barrage of punches, decking him thrice. The third man called a halt.

CONTRERAS STOPS MORALES ● IN 2 AS COLOMBIA BOILS OVER

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ

SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA — Boxing returned to Santa Marta with Linfer Contreras, Cartagena welterweight, stopping Ricardo Morales, Monteria, in the second round. Referee stopped the fight.

Roberto Suarez, lightweight of San Onofre, floored Rodolfo "Indio" Avila, Barranquilla, at Basketball stadium. The rights of Suarez made the glass jawed Avila go down three times in the seventh. Referee Eddie Croes called a halt.

Nestor Rafael Herrea, bantam of Cartagena, polished off Arturo "Puro" Padilla, Cartagena, in the third round.

▲**MONTERIA** — Hernan Torres Prentt, featherweight of Cartagena, gained a unanimous win over Cipriano "Barbulito" Zuluaga, local, in 10.

▲**VALLEDUPAR** — In his comeback, middleweight Rodrigo "Rocky" Valdez disposed of Milton Mendez, Cartagena, in the second round. Valdez displayed style but no real punch. That he was able to score a knockout was the result of several one-twos in succession. Mendez was floored three times in the second. Valdez last month had hepatitis.

▲**BARRANQUILLA** — Miguel Espinosa, Colombia, scored a TKO over Panamanian Mario Philips in four rounds. Both are featherweights.

In the ten round semifinal, featherweight Hugo Barraza, Colombia, scored over Eligio Pirela, Venezuela.

Angel "Manopla" Rodriguez, new prospect, continued with impressive victories. "Manopla" is progressing under Luis "Kid" Castnaeda's training. Undefeated, Rodriguez, Colombia's middleweight, knocked out Jesus Bello, Venezuela, in the first round. Time: 53 seconds.

Bello, who had won four straight since returning to the ring after a year's layoff, appeared on his way to making it number five. Suddenly "Manopla" connected with a right to the jaw and a left to the liver that turned Bello's legs to rubber. Rodriguez quickly followed up with a left hook and right cross flooring the Venezuelan for the full count.

The Colombian was born in Malambo, near Barranquilla, on July 12, 1948. Now his record is 9 (7 KO) victories and one draw.

Jaime Amaya, Barranquilla bantam, decisioned Alvaro Lopez, Bogota, in eight rounds.

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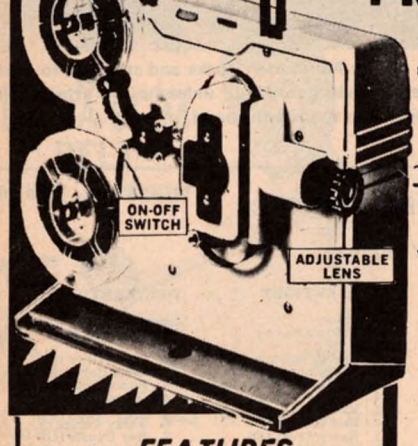

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

SPAIN'S HERNANDEZ RETAINS TITLE AGAINST FRENCH FOE

By J. A. TREE

BARCELONA, SPAIN – Spain's deaf mute Jose Hernandez held on to his European junior middleweight crown in a 15-round fight with French challenger Jacques Kechichian. Referee Jean Deswert, Belgium, declared Hernandez the winner on points, only for the verdict to be changed a few minutes later to 'No Contest'.

Deswert and judge Wally Thom, Britain, scored it even 72-72, and 70-70, while the Luxemburg judge put the champion in front by one point, scoring 71-70.

Regulations on the continent call for a 'No Contest' when two of the three officials score a draw. Six thousand saw this, the 10th championship fight of the year.

Thirty-year-old Antonio Torres, Spain, caused a sensation in England, putting Jackie Turpin to the canvas 10 times and finally winning the 10-rounder on points. Turpin, 22, was voted Britain's best young boxer of 1971.

In Paris a crowd of 5,000 paid a record gate of 518,000 francs to see European welterweight champion Roger Menetrey stop his fellow countryman Robert Gallois in 6. Up to the end of round five Gallois had his nose in front.

Hein Domgorgen, Germany, died at the age of 73. Domgorgen held the amateur and professional titles at the middleweight poundage and went on to win the European title in 1931, outpointing Poldi Steinbach, of Austria. In 1927, Domgorgen gave Max Schmeling a boxing lesson for five rounds before running into a right hander. In 141 professional starts Heini won 104 and drew 17. Domgorgen was the first German boxer to fight for a European crown.

Former European king Jean Josselin, France, travelled to Johannesburg to be kayoed in the first round by Jan Kies. The Frenchman was taken to the hospital with malaria.

Fighting Mack, Holland, holder of the European welterweight crown in 1968, made a successful comeback kayoing Milton Mendez in four rounds at Oranjestad (Aruba). Joe Louis was guest referee.

The grapevine said a win for European heavyweight champion Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain over Joe Roman in Puerto Rico would see him in the ring with Joe Frazier. Urtain was outpointed and is left now with second best, a defense against Jurgen Blin.

German welterweight champion Horst Brinkmeier has quit. "There's no money in boxing at my weight," says the champion. Brinkmeier's right eye was cut again recently and this may well be the main reason for his retirement.

European middleweight king Jean Claude Bouttier of France lands a hard right to the jaw of Doyle Baird during their scheduled 10-rounder in Lyon, France. Bouttier was awarded the victory when the bout was stopped in the sixth round.

Jose Legra, featherweight champion of Europe recently visited his home country, Cuba, where he was greeted by Fidel

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

AS OF MAY 15, 1972

Heavyweights	Light Heavies	Middleweights	Junior Middles
*1. Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain (S)	*1. Chris Finnegan (GB)	*1. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)	*1. Jose Hernandez (S)
2. Jurgen Blin (G)	2. Conny Velensek (G)	2. Carlos Duran (I)	2. Jacques Kechichian (F)
3. Bepi Ros (I)	3. Jan Lubbers (H)	3. Tom Bogs (D)	3. Jose Duran (S)
4. Dante Cane (I)	4. Gianfranco Macchia (I)	4. Fabio Bettini (I)	4. Domenico Tiberia (I)
5. Rudi Lubbers (H)	5. Domenico Adinolfi (I)	5. Nessim Cohen (F)	5. Carlos San Jose (S)
6. Armando Zanini (I)	6. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)	6. Luciano Sarti (I)	6. Angel Guinaldo (S)
7. Mario Baruzzi (I)	7. Guerrino Scattolin (I)	7. Mario Romersi (I)	7. Aldo Battistutta (I)
8. Horst Benedens (G)	8. Gianfranco Macchia (I)	8. Mario Almanzo (I)	8. Johann Orsolics (A)
9. Piero del Papa (I)	9. Renzo Grespan (I)	9. Tom Jensen (D)	9. Remo Golfarini (I)
10. Giorgi Bambini (I)	10. Bas van Duivenbode (H)	10. Hans Dieter Schwartz (G)	10. Christian Larsen (D)

Welterweights	Junior Welters	Lightweights	Junior Lights
*1. Roger Menetrey (F)	*1. Roger Zami (F)	*1. Antonio Puddu (S)	*1. Tommaso Galli (I)
2. Robert Gallois (F)	2. Bruno Arcari (I)	2. Pedro Carrasco (S)	2. Jean De Keers (B)
3. Silvano Bertini (I)	3. Sandro Lopopolo (I)	3. Miguel Velasquez (S)	3. Lothar Abend (G)
4. Marcel Cerdan (F)	4. Rene Roque (F)	4. Enzo Petriglia (I)	4. Mario Senna (I)
5. Jorgen Hansen (D)	5. Cemal Kamaci (A)	5. Enzo Pizzoni (I)	5. Giorgio Merlin (I)
6. Alberto Torri (I)	6. Toni Ortiz (S)	6. Pierre LaJaouen (F)	6. Mario Redi (I)
7. Dopico Gonzalez (S)	7. Barrera Corpas (S)	7. Claude Thomias (F)	7. Ugo Poli (I)
8. Marco Scano (I)	8. Piero Ceru (I)	8. Kid Tano (S)	8. Bruno Freschi (I)
9. Antonio Torres (S)	9. Maurice Tavant (F)	9. Leonard Tavarres (S)	9. Gitano Jiminez (S)
10. Franco Vermandere (F)	10. Ermano Fasoli (I)	10. Jesus Zarko (S)	10. Domingo Jiminez (S)

Featherweights	Bantamweights	Flyweights
*1. Jose Legra (S)	*1. Augustin Senin (S)	*1. Fritz Chervet (Sw)
2. Giovanni Girgenti (I)	2. Franco Zurlo (I)	2. Fernando Atzori (I)
3. Daniel Vermandere (F)	3. Toni Sassarini (I)	3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Augusto Civardi (I)	4. Enzo Farinelli (I)	4. Dino Contemori (I)
5. Elio Cotena (I)	5. Bob Allotey (S)	5. Luigio Boschi (I)
6. Maurice Cordier (F)	6. Guy Caudron (F)	6. Gerard Macrez (F)
7. Luis Aisa (S)	7. Marc van Domme (B)	7. Michel Spina (I)
8. Jean Anton (F)	8. Ambrogio Mariani (I)	8. Vito Mancini (I)
9. Renato Galli (I)	9. Pierre Vetroff (F)	9. Mariano Garcia (S)
10. Domenico Chiloire (I)	10. Totu Martin (S)	10. Kid Romero (S)

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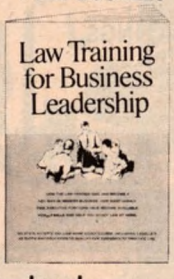

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KIRK STOPS McDONALD ● IN ONE FOR N. E. TITLE ●

By DON HAMILL

BOSTON, MASS. — Highlighting the past month in New England were the filling of the hitherto vacant New England heavyweight championship by Doug Kirk's one round annihilation of Cliff McDonald and three spectacular victories posted by Don Sennett.

▲**WALTHAM** — Don Sennett, 135, Waltham, repeated his earlier win over Ivelaw Eastman, also 135, New York, by taking a decision that did not meet with general approval. Sennett was the aggressor and scored the better punches but the wily veteran made him miss, sometimes badly, which detracted from Sennett's appearance. The decision favoring Sennett was just.

Doug Kirk, 190, Lowell, and Jack Mitchell, 176, Toronto, had their fight called 'No Contest' when a bomb scare necessitated the halting of the bout at the end of four hectic rounds. The hall was evacuated. Mitchell scored a knockdown in the first round but Kirk was coming on strong when the bout was stopped.

Vincent Malave, 148, New York, had too much experience for Roger Phillips, 148, Pittsfield, who was halted in the third round.

Antonio Durango, 150, Panama, easily disposed of Bob Gaillard, who was billed as Billy Vines, 156, New York, in the third round. In the four round opener, Armand Bellevue, 136, Waltham, battled to a draw with Johnny Knight, 137, Brockton.

▲Antonio Durango, 150, Panama ended up not only fighting the main event but winning it here. His bout with Victor Baerga, 142, New York, topped a hastily re-arranged card when several scheduled fighters failed to appear. Durango had too much punching power for Baerga, who was down twice in the second round, again in the third, and when he went down in the fourth from body blows Referee Dick Flaherty intervened.

Roosevelt Moulden Brown, 173, Boston, handed Cha Cha Cabrera, 175, New York, a bad beating, stopping him in the fifth round. Cabrera was game and stayed on his feet but was unable to cope with the Brown's punching power. He was trapped in a corner and taking a beating when the bout was halted.

Mike Brown, 142, New York, made an impressive local debut when he knocked out Vince Malave, 141, New York, in the first round of their bout stepped up to eight rounds to make up for a couple of bouts being cancelled.

▲Again at Waltham — Don Sennett, 132, scored a two round kayo over Barry Sponagle, 133, Montreal, in sensational fashion. Sennett beat the Canadian to the punch and dropped him twice in the first round. Sponagle was saved by the bell after having been felled by a right ending the first session. The sound of the bell getting round two underway had barely faded when a left hook dropped Sponagle again. He was unable to continue and the bout was stopped by Referee Ed Bradley.

Mike Brown, 145, New York, took every round in puching out a shutout over Gerald Ratte, 147, Montreal, in the semi-final. Ratte was lucky to last the route.

Macka Foley, 182, Portland, was awarded a six round decision over George Holden, 183, Medford, but did not appear to have deserved the decision. Holden waged a body attack that slowed Foley down to a walk. The decision was unpopular. Marc Gervais, 142, Montreal, edged Larry Michaud, 141, Portland, by a six round split decision in the opener.

▲**PORTLAND** — Confusion reigned during the main event in which Phil Hudson, 126, Portland, was awarded a fourth round technical knockout over Eluid Rivera, also 126, New York. Hudson had an edge with his sharper boxing for the first three rounds. In the fourth, Hudson scored two knockdowns. Immediately following the second knockdown, one of Rivera's handlers leaped into the ring and threw a punch at Hudson, which inflicted a bad cut that bled profusely. Others jumped into the ring to restore order.

For the second. time Gene Bethea, 175, Trenton, turned back Macka Foley, 182, Portland, in a listless eight rounder. Foley, who had shown a lot of promise, seems to have lost his confidence.

Tony Porter, 156, White Plains, spoiled the comeback of Ricky Burgess, 155, Waterville, by taking a six round split decision. George Gosselin, 145, Lewiston, came off the floor in his four rounder with Don Melosh, 150, White Plains, to gain a unanimous decision.

▲**BOSTON** — Doug Kirk, 190, Lowell, won the vacant New England heavyweight championship by stopping Cliff McDonald, 204, South Boston, in 2:41 of the first round at the Arena. The South Boston High School teacher had the better of the boxing until a looping right to the jaw put him down. McDonald arose to be spilled again by a left hook. Several rights and McDonald was canvas bound again. Referee Billy Connelly wisely called a halt.

John Coiley, 161, Medford, made his return to the ring a winning one by handing a three round pasting to Danny Perez, 160, Brooklyn, before the bout was stopped. Coiley, who is now managed by Mike Pusateri, turned in a beautiful exhibition.

Johnny Hasson, 165, Hyde Park, also returned to the ring after a long layoff and had his hands full gaining a six round split decision over Willie Stewart, 161, New York. Gerry Huston, Jr., 223, New Bedford, finished strong to win a four round split decision over George Holden, 182, Medford, after Holden had built up a lead in the first two rounds.

▲**WALTHAM** — Donny Sennett, 133, Waltham, needed 1:40 of the first round to score a knockout over Juan Bonet, 128, New York. Bonet had been the aggressor with Sennett countering well, until a right uppercut caught Bonet coming in. The New Yorker was spilled for the full count.

Angel Torres, 142, Pawtucket, handed a lop-sided shellacking to veteran Ivelaw Eastman, 145, New York, in the eight round semi-windup. Torres punching power made Eastman do a lot of holding and the bout developed into a mauling contest.

Roosevelt Brown, 177, Boston, battered veteran Bob Simmons, 175, Chester, Pa., for eight rounds in taking a unanimous decision in the third eight spot. Mike Brown, 142, Elizabeth, N.J., outpointed Jose Pagon, 145, Lowell, in an interesting six rounder.

▲**BOSTON** — Paul Raymond, 198, Somerville, launched his comeback by battling to an eight round draw with Bob Simmons, 176, Chester, in the main event at an exclusive Harvard club show, closed to the public. The pair were well matched in a slow moving bout.

Jesse Crown, 214, Portland, won a six round unanimous decision over George Holden, 184, Medford; Jose Pagon, 145, Lowell, took a six round split decision over Don Melosh, 150, White Plains; Billy Rocco, 155, Valley Cottage, N.Y., was stopped in the second round because of a cut eye with Jerry Tram, 161, New York, picking up the win; and Rocky Lombo, 131, Bridgeport, won a unanimous decision in the four round opener over Lloyd Murray, 138, White Plains.

▲**WALTHAM** — Doug Kirk, 190, Lowell, caught a Tartar in George Holden, 179, Medford, a last minute substitute. Kirk won the unanimous eight round duke which was just but found the bobbing and weaving Holden a difficult target. Kirk was the aggressor who punched continuously, mostly at Holden's arms, head, and shoulders. Holden would come out of his shell occasionally to score but did not have the sting nor were the punches frequent enough to change the course of the battle.

George Gray, 177, England, a protege of Terry Downes, finished strong to pick up a unanimous six round decision over John Gannon, 179, White Plains. In another six spot, Jerry Tram, 160, New York, garnered a clear cut decision over Don Melosh, 151, White Plains.

In four rounders: Gary Williams, 155, New York, stopped Ronnie Reese, 148, New York, in the second round when Reese was too tired to fight back; and Rocky Lombo, 132, Bridgeport, easily disposed of Lloyd Murray, 138, White Plains, by battering him into helplessness in two sessions.

Marcus Lockman, who as Kid Chicken, frequently boxed in New England rings during the 1940's was a recent visitor at Waltham. . .Ron Stander, Sioux Falls, Ia., who is preparing for Joe Frasier is training in Boston, under the eye of Johnny Dunn. Irish Jimmy McDermott, of Holyoke, who has been prepping that city's Golden Gloves, is launching a comeback.

MICHIGAN CARDS AROUSE FANS TO RING AWARENESS

By LEONARD T. McCARTHY

DETROIT, MICH. — The Western University of Michigan field house at Kalamazoo was the scene of Roger Rouse's defeat by Leonard Hutchins. Ten rounds, unanimous decision. Weights, 172.

George Godfrey III, 250, was stopped in two, TKO, by Charley Boston, 213.

At Fair Grounds, Detroit, Ronnie Shotgun Harris, 148, got a split decision over Raul Soriano, 148.

John Bojack Mangum, 162, scored a TKO over Jimmy Meilleur, 158, in six.

Cuby Topcat Jackson, 148, got a TKO in four rounds over Sammy Maul, 147.

In a six, Terry Summerhays, 142, outpointed Charley Shufford, 140.

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VILLEGAS OVER SERRANO FOR PUERTO RICO CROWN

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

CAROLINA, PUERTO RICO — Despite a tremendous disadvantage in height, Francisco Villegas was able to score a unanimous 12 round decision over Samuel Serrano to capture the featherweight championship of Puerto Rico.

The lanky and scrawny-looking Serrano seemed to be affected by weight-making difficulties and displayed limited power and precision. Villegas, on the other hand, produced what little agressiveness there was in this bout.

In the best bout of the card, New York lightweight Eduardo Santiago and local Benjamin Ramirez fought fiercely for ten rounds, with Ramirez taking the decision. It was a tough one for Santiago, who trades blow for blow. He faded slightly in the last two heats to lose a close decision.

Junior lightweight Juanito Figueroa looked like a winner over southpaw Freytes Caban but a cut eye in the fourth round forced the referee to call a halt in favor of Caban, who had yet to win a round.

Junior lightweight Tony Triss, Santo Domingo, scored easily over Francisco Cruz. In a fit of rage Cruz hit Triss after the bell, causing the referee to render the decision in Tony's favor by disqualification.

The roundly booed Cruz later came into the ring to apologize to the fans and received an ovation.

Jorge Luis Nieves outpointed Uris Ramos in a four.

In my previous report I wrote erroneously that Gregorio Benitez scored over Angel Rivera. It should have read: Junior Lightweight Angel Rivera outpointed Gregorio Benitez in ten heats. This was New Yorker Rivera's second victory over Benitez. The first time he kayoed him in the closing heats after being far behind on points.

This time he led from the beginning, scoring a knockdown in the first round to assure the victory.

AMERICAN ROMANO A FIASCO IN ITALY AGAINST ARCARI

By ALDO SPOLDI

MILAN, ITALY — In the industrial city of Turin, the W.B.C. junior welterweight champion; Bruno Arcari, fought one of the many American boxers sent here, by the name of Al Romano, from North Adams, Mass.

It was a pitiful show. Romano had only a shiny pair of shoes and not much else. Bruno Arcari is at his best and I think he can give Jose Napoles a good fight. This to give you an idea what he can do.

After three rounds of running away from Arcari (and I mean running) the Italian caught up with the Italian-American and with a series of seven punches, floored Romano head first.

The public went wild and imitated the Roman public by throwing everything and anything they could grab. The reaction of the people was not in Arcari's direction but to the American who did not even try to get close to Arcari and throw one punch.

Arcari was at his best at 143½ and Romano at his worst, 145.

On the same program, the Italian featherweight champion, Giovanni Girgenti from Sicily, stopped the Frenchman, Andre Jamet, in six. This Sicilian is a veteran but he still is one of the few Italians who can box. He knows boxing like a book only he has no competition in Italy.

Girgenti's challenger for the Italian title, Elio Cotena, from Naples, also on the same card, won against the brother of Girgenti's opponent: Michel Jamet, winning on points in 8 rounds.

At Schio, a little city close to Venice, once European champion of the middleweight class, Carlo Duran, a Mongol-Indio from Argentina who became Italian by marriage, won his fight against Roy Dale from Cincinnati by an unpopular decision that only an Italian referee can give. Disqualification in the 4th round.

The reason of the disqualification was that Dale floored Duran in the second round with a right on the head and then in the third round, Dale placed a beautiful left hook on the right side of Duran's body who bent in two.

In the fourth, Duran gave an exhibition of fast punches from all angles, but with open hands as usual. In one of Dale's attacks, the American caught Duran head to head and made a long cut on Duran's right eyebrow. At this point the referee, Mr. Patrizio, of Venice, stopped the bout and disqualified Dale.

Duran at 155 already beat Roy Dale at 159 in Bologna. He preferred Roy Dale to Jose Chirino, the conqueror of Nino Benvenuti, but even with his choice, Duran caught up with age. It is time to quit.

With Carlos Duran becoming Carlo Duran, Italy did not gain a thing. If Duran quit boxing, Italy would not lose anything.

▲ In Paris, Roger Zami (140) from Guadalupe and Sandro Lopopolo (140) from Italy, former junior welterweight champion went 15 rounds for the vacant European title.

Lopopolo became popular in Paris after his "draw" with Marcel Cerdan Jr. and his victory over the European welterweight champion; Roger Menetrey, (forgetting his loss against Robert Gallois.)

Roger Zami won thanks to the impossibility of Lopopolo to make the 140 pound limit. For 20,000 American dollars Lopopolo was ready to cut off his right leg and he went into the ring. Empty of energy he lost the fight, and lucky for him, only on points, going the distance of 15 rounds by grabbing what he could during the last three rounds to stay vertical.

Roger Zami became the European champion but he's not of the class of any other European champions like Jose Legra, Jean Claude Bouttier or Antony Puddu.

Zami, when he defends his title against the Italian champion of the class, Piero Ceru, with whom he has had a "draw" thanks to the French referee, he can run into trouble and maybe the title will change hands.

The Italian champion in his latest defense in Viareggio K.O.'d Bruno Freschi in the 11th round of a dramatic bout. Piero Ceru, a southpaw, is not too technical but a good puncher with courage. Against Freschi, he came out of an exchange in the 11th round, with both eyebrows cut. As he felt the blood from his eyes, he forced the battle and with a terrific left hook to the chin, dropped Freschi for the full count, and more.

Ceru will fight Zami very soon for the European title in Paris, where the promoters pay more just to keep or gain a title.

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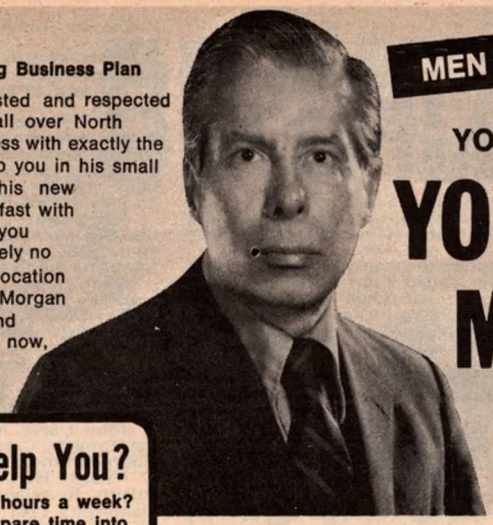

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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forward. This suited Frankham admirably, and he left-jabbed to good effect.

The crowd got a bit noisy when Johnny was unable to finish his man, and started to slow-handclap, but it applauded later as Frankham put on a display of quirks, including the Ali shuffle, and joined in some toe-to-toe exchanges.

Johnny Stracey, who at his own request will, in future, be billed as 'John H. Stracey', 148¼, beat former British Junior welter champion Des Rea, Belfast, 150, The bout was stopped in the second round when Rea's right eye was cut.

A disappointing ending to what promised to be a good scrap. The Stracey record now stands at 21 wins and one draw (against Frankie Lewis).

Alan Burton, Battersea, 204½, returned after a short lay-off to stop Dave Cooper, Willesden, 210, in four. Cooper was floored in the second.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Howard Sharpe, Jamaica, 163, drew with Tom Bell, Grenada, 161¾, over eight, and Howard was perhaps a little unlucky. He had Bell down in the third but couldn't keep him down.

Bell then came back in fine style, and had a particularly good final round.

Colin Miles, Cardiff, 122, outscored Arrow Abu, Nigeria, 127, by 39¾-39½ over eight. Miles revealed the better skills in a close bout.

Barry Clough, Stoke, 178, beat Vic Humphries, Kilburn, 176½, on a sixth-round disqualification.

Debutant Steve Williams, Basildon, 138, stopped Nero Luchman, Kensington, 137½, in four.

▲**Kelvin Hall, Glasgow** — Good win for Tom Imrie, Edinburgh, 157¾, who stopped Spanish middleweight champion Pablo Sanchez, 162, in three rounds, his sixth win in succession since turning pro.

Sanchez was floored twice, and hanging on for dear life when the referee intervened.

Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist Imrie can punch hard, and is putting life into the division. All he needs is experience.

Willie Reilly, Glasgow, in his first fight after winning the British lightweight title, easily outscored Herbie McLean, Edinburgh, over ten. Both were inside 137 pounds.

Not a good fight to watch. Reilly jabbed his way to victory over an opponent who didn't do a lot of positive work.

McLean announced before the fight that he would be retiring from boxing in order to devote more time to family life.

Tommy Sobles, Leeds, 137, drew over eight with Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 132½, a good recovery for Sobles, who was floored in the first round with a left hook.

Fine debut for Charlie Parvin, Wishaw, 120¾, who stopped John McKnight, Glasgow, 120½, in five. Parvin, based in London, looks promising.

▲**West of England Sporting Club, Bristol** — Nigerian Cyclone Barth, 158, outpointed Pat Brogan, Crewe, 164, over eight by 39¾-39. Late substitute Brogan weakened in the later stages, after a promising start, and Barth ended a good winner in a bout that was marred by too much clinching.

Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, 140, outscored Hugh Clark, Battersea, 142½, over eight two minute rounds in an exciting contest that had the crowd yelling encouragement to both men. Score 39¾-39.

Pat Marshall, Weston, 145, drew with John Croll, Dundee, 145½, over six. Marshall overcame a bad start.

Les Avoth, Cardiff, 158, outpointed Mansey Turner, Wolverhampton, 163, over six by 29½-29. Turner was in trouble in the final round.

▲**Belle Vue, Manchester** — "Dangerous" Danny McAlinden, Coventry, 192, whom many think will be the next British heavyweight champion, was stopped in eight by American Larry Middleton, 203¾, who had outpointed Bugner and broken Joe's jaw.

There were no knockdowns, but Middleton kept up a constant attack, and used his superior height, weight and reach to good advantage and Danny found it difficult to get to grips. There was two periods in the sixth and the seventh when McAlinden shone. But apart from that the American was well on top.

With Danny's face showing signs of wear and himself showing little defense, it came as no surprise when referee Wally Thom intervened.

Frankie Lewis, Akron, 150, knocked out Alan Tottoh, Manchester, 147, but lost the fight, for the kayo punch landed after the bell ended the fourth round, and Frankie was disqualified.

Tottoh was on the canvas three times in the second round, then surprisingly lasted out, and was even trading punches in the fourth before getting caught again by Lewis.

As the bell ended the fourth Tottoh dropped his hands. Lewis landed a left hook to the jaw which put his opponent down - and out. Lewis afterwards said he had not heard the bell, and he was not fined by the Central Area Council.

Dave Cranswick, Cardiff, 148¾, also won his fight on a disqualification. Ait Bouzid Elmenceur, Algeria, 145¾, stopping fighting in the sixth round and walking to his corner. He was promptly ruled out by referee Ron Hackett.

Cranswick was substituting for Jackie Turpin, who had blood poisoning. Elmenceur was fined £10.

Phil Matthews, Rossendale, 162¼, halted Ben Lachemi, Algeria, 162¼, in the opening round. Matthews' quick assault overwhelmed Lachemi, and the referee intervened after just 60 seconds.

Billy Seasman, Liverpool, 147, outscored Jimmy Fairweather, Jamaica, over eight by 39½-38¾. Seasman gradually got on top with his jabbing and hooking attack, and Fairweather tired towards the close.

Tony Cunningham, Liverpool, 136, outpointed Steve Cleaver, Cardiff, 137, over eight in a real crowd-pleaser, that produced nobbins amounting to £20. Score, 39½-39.

▲**Shoreditch Town Hall, London** — Amos Talbot, Manchester, 147¼, had to pull out all the stops to beat Pat McCormack, Brixton, 143, on points over eight by 39½-39. There was little between them at any time, but Talbot just about deserved to win, and confirmed a previous victory on an eye-injury stoppage.

This was no fight for the purists. They just blasted away at each other, defenses neglected, and both showed signs of facial damage at the end.

Southpaw Talbot kept punching away, with McCormack scoring cleanly at times, but not often enough. There was a lot of close-quarter work. The referee had to censure them about holding and misuse of the head. The crowd shouted "let 'em get on with it," indicating that they were happy with the fight as it was.

Talbot finished the stronger, although Mac wouldn't concede an inch.

Des Morrison, Jamaica, 145¼, stopped Phil Dykes, Liverpool, 149, in the second round after flooring him three times.

Simon Rawlings, West Indies, 140, outpointed Alan Salter, Peckham, 137, over six by 29¾-29½. The fans didn't like this verdict.

Terry Armstrong, Manchester, 177, boxed a six-rounds draw with Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 169.

Debutant Johnny Wright, Canning Town, 166¼, stopped Joe Peppard, Manchester, 165½, in the third. Peppard suffered an eye injury.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — Kevin Finnegan, Cowley, 159½, outpointed Tom Bell, Grenada, 161½, by 40-37¾ over eight. No trouble for Finnegan here. He was on top from the start. Bell was willing enough, but was fighting a losing battle.

Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 135, outscored Tommy Sobles, Leeds, 138, by 39½-39 over eight, kept busy throughout, concentrated on the body, and was good value for his victory.

Mike McCluskie, Cardiff, 164, halted Paddy Doherty, Ballyshannon, 162¾, in six when the latter's left eye was cut.

Bob French, Woking, 205½, drew with Jim Gilmour, Glasgow, 200, over six. French did well to overcome an eye injury suffered in the third.

▲**Cliffs Pavilion, Southend** — There were many dissenters when Eric Blake, Leatherhead, 161, was awarded an eight-rounds points verdict over Harry Scott, Bootle, 159¾. Referee Benny Caplan scored it 39½-39¼.

Hard luck for Scott, who at 34 is Britain's longest-serving professional. His experience enabled him to reveal a better variety of punching, and his left hook was frequently in evidence.

Blake jabbed well and stood up well to Scott's best punches. There was little in it coming up for the final round, and Harry won this by keeping after his man, throwing punches from both hands, most of which landed, and even overcoming the handicap of a cut over the left eye half-way through that final session.

When these two met before Scott won a decisive points victory.

Billy Brooks, Chiswick, 164, outpointed Joe Peppard, Manchester, 166, over eight 'twos' by 39½-38¾, overcoming an eye injury in the opening session.

Sammy Vernon, Belfast, 122½, outscored John O'Rawe, Belfast, 127½, also over eight 'twos', by 40-38½, and had things all his own way.

Albert Austin, Jamaica, 206½, stopped Brian Hall, Bexleyheath, 198, the referee intervening at the end of the third when Hall's chin was cut.

Ray Fallone, Battersea, 145, outscored Peter Blake, Southend, 147, by 29¾-29½ over six. Not a popular verdict.

Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 169, outpointed Mick Hussey, Islington, 161, over six by 30-29¼, taking full advantage of his weight.

▲**Bradford** — Richard Dunn, Halifax, 196, had a convincing points win over Roger Tighe, Hull, 196, over ten rounds, by 50-48, which meant he didn't lose a round.

Dunn used his superior speed and his accurate jab to dictate the course of the fight. Tighe tried to get to close range and pound away, but was rarely able to accomplish anything.

Kevin Madden, Manchester, 207, stopped Albert Austin, Jamaica, 210, in four. Defense was forgotten. Madden punched too hard for the Jamaican.

John Lowe, Middlesbrough, 159, drew with Pat Brogan, Crewe, 161, over six. Brogan was floored in the fifth.

▲**York Hall, Bethnal Green, London** — British flyweight champion John McCluskey, Hamilton, 116, has no challengers in his own division. He has to fight bantamweights. This time he met Paddy Maguire, Belfast, 117, and his trainer Danny Vary retired McCluskey at the end of the eighth round. Weight difference, one measly pound.

At 28, McCluskey is still a fine boxer, but Maguire stalked him relentlessly, walked through his punches. Mac's face showed signs of wear.

The sixth was terrific, with fans standing and applauding. They punched it out toe-to-toe. But by the end of the eighth McCluskey had taken a lot of body punishment and was near exhaustion. So his corner retired him.

Boxing for the first time since breaking a hand, Dave Proud, Penge, 148, outscored Jimmy Fairweather, Jamaica, 147½, over eight. Score 39¾-38¾.

Proud left-hooked to head and body, and in the seventh Fairweather looked as if he might go down. The latter banged away to the body whenever possible, but didn't have the skill.

This was Proud's 21st bout without defeat.

Graham Sines, Wandsworth, 182, kayoed Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 185½, in two after himself being floored in the opening session by a half-punch, half-push.

Then a right to the jaw put Cassidy down and out. Time 1:55 of the second.

Freddie Williams, Nuneaton, 130, stopped Mickey Oats, 135, in the second on an eye injury.

Peter Blake, Southend, 147, outscored Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, 147, over six 'twos' by 30-29. Blake took the initiative and held it, in spite of McMillan's counter-attacks.

▲**North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke-on-Trent** — Joe Yekinni, Nigeria, 145, outpointed Dave Moore, Grimsby, 148¾, over eight by 39¾-38¾.

Yekinni was on top at the half-way stage but tired, and Moore came more into it from then on.

Pat Brogan, Crewe, 162, had little trouble in outscoring Sid Brown, Bournemouth, 161, over eight 'twos' by 39½-39.

Brogan shone at long range, with Brown better at close-quarters.

Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, 169, stopped Barry Clough, Stoke, 170, in five.

Southpaw Ajasco floored his man four times before the referee intervened.

Jim Moore, Bradford, 143¼, won an enjoyable six-rounder by outpointing Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 145. Score 29¾-29½. Moore's forcing tactics turned the scales.

John Croll, Dundee, 149¾, outscored Peter Blake, Southend, 147, over six by 29¾-29¼. Croll picked his punches better.

▲**Premier Ring Sporting Club, London** — The final of the £1,500 Open Heavyweight Competition brought together Dave Hallinan, Cricklewood, 203, and George Gray, Canvey Island, 178, and the vast difference was just too much for Gray. Referee Harry Gibbs stopped the bout 50 seconds from the end of the eighth and last round.

Gray provided the skill and ringcraft, but Hallinan maintained the pressure, and by the second half of the contest had got on top. Both showed facial damage, Gray was down twice, then twice more in the final session, each time without a count. He was desperately tired, and the referee's action was humane.

Danny Fontilio, Woolwich, 170, outpointed Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 169½, over six. Not a fight to be remembered.

Ray Fallone, Battersea, 145½, scored one of his rare knockouts by disposing of Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 146, in three.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Mike McCluskie, Cardiff, 163½, drew with Ronnie Hough, Liverpool, 159¾, over eight. Hough showed plenty of aggression, but the bout was marred by clinching.

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Vic Humphries, Kilburn, 175¼, outpointed Shaun Dolan, Manchester, 177, over eight, using his jab to good effect against a free-swinging opponent.

Pat Marshall, Bristol, 148, kayoed Jim Moore, Bradford, 143, at the end of the third, the bell ringing at five and the count continuing.

Barton McAllister, Tooting, 140½, stopped Steve Williams, Basildon, 139½, in the fourth. McAllister was floored in the third, Williams on the canvas in the next session and unable to defend himself so the referee intervened.

▲**Double Diamond Club, Caerphilly** — Former British and Commonwealth cruiser champ Eddie Avoth, Cardiff, 183½, was surprisingly stopped by Bunny Jamaica, of Jamaica, 186½, in three.

There was no early indication of a stoppage until Johnson landed a left hook to the jaw that put his man down for "five." On rising, Eddie looked groggy, and the referee intervened.

Johnson continues to make good progress now that he has decided to stick to the heavyweight division instead of boxing at the cruiser poundage.

Les Pickett, Merthyr, 120, halted Roger Howes, Norwich, 120, in five. Howes was floored three times.

Roger Barlow, Coventry, 180, outpointed Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 187, over six by 29¾-29¼.

Bingo Crooks, Wolverhampton, 127½, provided the more accurate punching to outscore Dave Tuohey, Leeds, 127, over six by 29¾-29¼.

▲**Midlands Sporting Club, Solihull** — Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, 127¾, inactive for nearly nine months, was soon into the swing of things in outpointing Frenchman Jean Claude Demarthe over ten by 49¾-48¼.

Southpaw Glencross, in line for a British title fight, jabbed and hooked to good effect, but incurred warning in the fifth for a low blow.

The Frenchman's left eye was cut in the ninth, and he was never really in the fight.

Angul McMillan, Glasgow, 139, outpointed Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 138, by 39½-39 over eight. A crowd-pleaser in which McMillan was in complete control.

Tommy Gray, Fife, 160½, was awarded an eight-round points verdict over Teddy Meho, Ghana, 154, by 39½-39¼. A close one, in which the decision was booed. Gray thus confirmed a previous victory, but Meho is a natural welter, and a class one, but never looks too good conceding poundage.

Frank Carpenter, Coventry, 190, beat Dave Parris, Tottenham, 182, for the second time, on this occasion by a third-round stoppage.

Les Avoth, Cardiff, 162, outscored Mansey Turner, Wolverhampton, 162, over six by 30-29¼.

▲**Wolverhampton Sporting Club** — Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 163½, stopped John Judson, Liverpool, 163¼, in three when the latter's right eye was cut.

An untidy fight, with southpaw Judson on the canvas in the second after a clash of heads, then came the eye injury that needed four stitches. When they met before Judson won.

Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, found it easy to outpoint Hugh Clark, Battersea, 141, over eight by 39¾-39, thus confirming a previous win.

Charlie Parvin, Glasgow, 119, knocked out southpaw Jimmy Killeen, Liverpool, 116½, after only 1 min. 35 sec. of the opening session.

Parvin is a promising newcomer, and has sparred with British flyweight champion John McCluskey, who thinks very highly of him.

Bob Langley, Aldershot, 148, outscored Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144½, over eight by 39½-38¾.

Colin Miles, of Cardiff, 120, got more points than Karim Young, Nigeria, 122, in an eight, at the Century Sporting Club in Croydon.

Miles had outpointed Young, but was making only his second appearance since suffering injuries during training seven months earlier.

Young wouldn't concede an inch, and it was a fight of three parts. Miles took the early rounds with his aggression, the Nigerian came back in the middle rounds, with Miles putting in a grandstand finish and shaking his man in the last session.

Substitute Mick Hussey, Islington, 159, outpointed Sid Brown, Bournemouth, 161, over six, by 29½-29¼. Nothing much in it, but Hussey avenged a previous knockout defeat.

Hugh Clark, Battersea, 141, gained a close points win over Arrow Abu, Nigeria, 128½, in their six-rounder by 29½-29¼. Clark had a big weight advantage for little men, yet Abu was only too willing to trade punches, and in spite of Clark's more accurate blows the Nigeria was always in this fight.

▲**World Sporting Club, London** — Patrons saw a good contest between Central Area middleweight champion Pat Dwyer, Liverpool, 162½, and American Thurman 'Doc' Holliday, 158, which Dwyer won comfortably enough in the end by 39½-39 over eight.

Holliday proved a durable customer, in spite of being decked in the second with a right hand, and although taking quite a bit of punishment refused to wilt, Dwyer seemed a little frustrated when his pet punches were having little effect.

Phil Matthews, Rossendale, 162½, stopped Tommy Gray, Fife, 161½, in the sixth and final round. Gray came in as a substitute and although he boxed well at times he couldn't match Matthews for strength.

Early in the sixth Gray was caught with a left hook that looked—and proved to be—a knockout. But referee Bill White had stopped the fight as Gray was falling.

Les Pickett, Merthyr, 120, bright prospect in the bantam division, stopped Sammy Vernon, Belfast, 121¾, in the final session of their eight 'twos.'

Southpaw Vernon and Pickett banged heads and both sustained injuries to their right eyes. However, Vernon's was the more serious, causing the stoppage.

Up to then Pickett had been the more impressive.

Noel McIvor, Luton, 138, outssored Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 139¾, by 39½-39 over eight.

PUGH BLOWS DUKE TO ● BOGGS IN TEN ROUNDER ●

By JOE POODLES, JR.

BALTIMORE, MD. — Buddy Boggs, 148, Baltimore, won a ten round split decision over Percy Pugh, 147, New Orleans, at Steelworkers Hall. Boggs was the aggressor in most of the rounds. The favorite was hard pressed by the cutie from the South and the decision favoring Boggs brought mixed cheering and booing.

Judge Henry Moulden favored Boggs by a 47-45, referee Tom Kelly's card showed 48-46 and judge Terry Moore's dissenting vote had Pugh ahead by 48-42 count.

A turn-away crowd of 1,361 fans paid $6,600 to view the show promoted by Eli Hanover's Sports Activities Club.

Adrian Davis, 146, of Washington, D.C. scored a four round TKO over Sammy Rookard, 145, of Spartanburg, S.C. The overmatched southerner was dropped in the second, third and fourth rounds. Then referee Terry Moore halted the bout.

Ricky Thomas, 145, Bricktown, N. J. long-hair and all, scored a hit by trouncing Mike Shaffer, 148, of Chester, Pa. in a six rounder.

Wild Bill Hardney, 182, Washington, D.C. stopped Big Ben Benjamin, 203, Alexandria, in the fourth. Hardney has won his most recent five bouts in Baltimore by kayo. Bill failed to score a knockdown. Benjamin claimed an eye injury, hence the halting of the bout by the referee.

Kary Palmer, 136, of Spartanburg, S.C., won a four round decision over Steve Holton, 142, Baltimore, in the opening bout.

JUMOAS BEATS CRUZ IN TORRID TEN IN CHICAGO

By JERRY CONNERS

CHICAGO, ILL. — Twenty eight hundred fight fans paid $19,500 to see three 10-rounders at the International Ampitheater.

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Ex-featherweight champ Sugar Ramos scored a seven-round TKO over Lyle Randolph of Akron; and Mississippi's Johnny Hudgins stopped Manuel Ramos of Mexico in four rounds, TKO.

1972 RECORD BOOK CORRECTION

On page 572, in the record of Tony Licata, delete 1971 bouts against Herminio Ramirez and Mike Lopez. Both contests belong in the record of Turco Leyva on page 571.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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In a companion 10-rounder, Pedro Lovell, 200, Buenos Aires, made a smash debut, knocking out Vic Scott, 214, in the first round.

Lovell, whose father Alberto captured the 1934 heavyweight Olympic gold medal in this same Olympic Auditorium, finished off Scott with a barrage.

Dan Johnson, 206, Los Angeles, stopped Bobby Francis, 217, Long Beach, (1). Francis suffered a broken ankle; Ricardo Valenzuela, 136, East Los Angeles, outpointed Al Taylor, 131, Baltimore, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES** – It was billed as the battle of the unbeaten teens – Danny Lopez with 10 straight, and Arturo (Tury) Pineda, with 13 in a row.

More than 10,000 fans packed the Olympic for the showdown and they weren't disappointed. Lopez, 121½, floored favored Pineda, 124¾, for the full count in the fourth round.

The spidery Lopez, who is part Ute Indian, dropped Pineda with a combination left-right to the jaw near the close of the fourth. Referee George Latka tolled ten with just one second left in the round.

Both youngsters came out swinging and Lopez had the Mexicali boxer out of his feet before the opening round ended.

Pineda rallied to take the second, but took a pasting in the third. His left eye was cut and he was shaken several times.

Coming out for the fourth, Pineda tossed all he had, but Lopez remained cool under fire and finished him off.

The gate was $94,648 with each collecting a $21,000 check.

Young Danny is the brother of welterweight contender Ernie Lopez, who remarked, "I didn't know the kid was that good."

In a second 10-rounder, Jose Luis Valdivinos, 120, was a mite rusty in defeating Enrique Flores, 122, Mexico. There were no knockdowns.

Joe Medrano, 126½, Long Beach, knocked out Al Taylor, 129½, Baltimore, (6); Shinil Yamabe, 134, Honolulu, KO over Sal Luna, 134¾, Mexico, (1); Felipe Cessena, 123, Los Angeles, KO over Modesto Ortiz, 119, Mexico, (2).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Local favorite Jimmy Robertson, 136, Harbor City, was hard pressed to gain a close 10-rounder over Japan's Masataka Takayama, 136¼, before 4,550 fans at Olympic.

Robertson, with a 21-2-1 record, was a clear winner in the first five rounds. He tired and had to hold off the on-rushing Japanese lightweight in the final two rounds.

In a second ten, Rodolfo Gonzalez, 139½, Long Beach, knocked out Manny Leal, 137½, in the seventh round.

Tetzuro Ishamaru, 130, Tokyo, decisioned ChiChi Onteveras, 131, San Diego, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Big Roby Harris had the crowd at Olympic excited when he took off his robe and blue beret.

The 6-6 giant from Oakland looked awesome. But two rounds later, Harris, 236, was belted into the ropes, helpless at the hands of highly rated Jose Luis Garcia, 207, Venezuela.

Garcia bounced Harris off the canvas three times before referee John Thomas stopped the one-sided affair.

In a co-feature ten, Pedro Lovell, 198, Buenos Aires, had little trouble with Willie Moore, 202, New York. Lovell scored a knockout in the fourth with Moore dazed and hurting from a broken jaw.

Jessie Burnett, 168½, Los Angeles, and Cisco Solario, 171½, technical draw (1); Manny Leon, 126, East Los Angeles, KO over Jessie Valenzuela, 126, Los Angeles, (2); Wayman Young, 120, KO over Felipe Cessna, 120, East Los Angeles, (2).

The gate was $15,674.

▲**INGLEWOOD** — For one round, Cleveland's Ted Gullick, 194, looked as if he were going to give George Foreman, 221, Hayward (Cal) some problems at the Forum.

Gullick landed with both hands and actually took the round from the odds on favorite.

The second round was different. Big George started landing a left hook to the chin ended matters in 2:28.

After the easy win, manager Dick Sadler repeated that Foreman was ready to go after the giants of the heavyweight division.

James Haier, 135, Colorado, KO over Gabriel Vega, 135, San Diego, (1); Jose Rosa, 124, Los Angeles, decisioned Hector Rodriguez, 124, East Los Angeles, (5); Robert Villaneuva, 158, East Los Angeles, KO over Rich Riley, 158, Van Nuys, (4).

▲**INGLEWOOD** — Boxing started on a regular Monday night basis at the Forum with station KTLA, showing part of the action on local TV.

Mike Quarry, 176, Anaheim, toyed with Chuck Hamilton, 175½, San Francisco, before stopping him in the eighth round. Quarry, unbeaten in 34 fights, couldn't floor Hamilton, but was hitting him at will when the scrap was stopped.

In a second main event, Art Davis, 160, Long Beach, made it two in a row over Irish Mike Nixon, 162, Glendale.

Nixon appeared to be well on his way to victory, when he ran into trouble on the ropes in the ninth round. David caught Mike with three or four lefts and rights and as referee Lee Grossman waved Davis away, Nixon fell to the canvas. Mike was out for several minutes.

Jim Haier, 137, Colorado, decisioned Torito Alcala, 138, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Behind on all cards, Mexico's Javier Ayala, 141½, finally caught up with David Oropeza, 143, Phoenix, in the seventh round of their scheduled 10 at Olympic.

After chasing Oropeza most of the fight, Ayala nailed him with a six punch combination to the body and head. The Arizona boxer took a nine count and then was examined by club physician, Dr. Bernhardt Schwartz.

Dr. Schwartz ruled Oropeza unfit for combat because of two cuts and Ayala was given a seventh round knockout victory.

Jorge Rodriguez, 126, Los Angeles, stopped Johnny Pachuca, 130, Mexico, (1); Roberto Bonilla, 152½, Puerto Rico, KO over Nick Garcia, 154, East Los Angeles, (4); Jose Lujan, 136, Los Angeles, outpointed Jorge Rivera, 140, Mexico, (4).

▲**LONG BEACH** —Ray (Windmill) White, 174, Ventura, retained his California light heavy title with a 12 round split decision over Terry Lee, 175, Concord, at the Auditorium.

There were no knockdowns. Referee Rudy Jordan favored White, 6-5. Judge Chuck Hassett tabbed Lee, 5-4, while judge Bob Dossey liked the Windmill, 6-5.

Irish Gil King, 144, Akron, stopped Rosario Savala, 146, Mexico, in the seventh of their scheduled ten. Beaver Montero, 129½, Long Beach, stopped Lemone Salas, 130, National City, (1).

▲**SAN CARLOS** — Chuck Hamilton, 174, San Francisco, won the easy way over Amado Vazquez, 173, San Diego, at the Circle Star Theatre in the Round.

The fight was stopped in the third, when Vazquez suffered a severe cut over his left eye. They were even till then.

Promoter Babe Griffin was satisfied with the gate of $4,626.

Don Smith, 168, San Diego, stopped Avery Garabedian, 170, San Jose, (3); Tommy Greer, 147, Oakland, decisioned Tommy Herrera, 148, San Jose, (6); Johnny Pineda, 130, Modesto, decisioned Agapito Villegas, 129, San Diego, (6).

▲**SAN CARLOS** — Ray Lunny III, 134½, Redwood City, made his main event debut a success, as he pounded out a unanimous decision over Mike Mayon, 134½, San Diego, in their 10-rounded for Babe Griffin Enterprises.

Lunny was recently discharged from the Marine Corps, and plans on keeping active in the ring.

Tommy Herrera, 146, San Francisco, KO over Tommy Greer, 143½, San Carlos, (2); Koroseta Kid, 181, San Carlos, KO over Jimmy Dick, 184, San Francisco, (2); Don Serratore, 147, Oakland, drew with Agapito Villegas, 147, San Diego, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Rodolfo Gonzalez, 138, Long Beach, ran his winning streak to ten in a row as he disposed of Chung Kyo Shin, 138, Korea, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10-rounder at Olympic.

Gonzalez sports a lifetime mark of 47-4, scoring 38 knockouts. Rodolfo pressed the attack throughout the bout and finally cornered the Korean champion with a combination that put the lights out.

Apollo Yoshio, 128, Seoul, Korea, KO over Ronald Ceniceros, 130½, Pacoima (2); Jesus Mariscal, 136, Mexicali, outpointed Ricardo Valenzuela, 136, Long Beach, (5); Jose Rosa, 123, Bakersfield, decisioned Lorenzo Maldonado, 122, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Unbeaten teen-age spectacular, Rudy Robles, 163, Carson, scored win No. 17 in a row at the expense of much traveled Ronnie Wilson, 163, San Diego, in the main event at Olympic.

Wilson tried to put up a fight but was no match for Robles. Rudy moved well and showed plenty of ring savvy in winning the unanimous verdict.

Pedro Lovell, 198, Argentina, stopped Charley Hall, 185, Phoenix (1); Demitro Salazar, 139, Los Angeles, Ko over Jorge Rivera, 139, Hawthorne, (3); Waymon Young, Los Angeles, 127, decision over Manuel Leon Herrera, 125, East Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LONG BEACH** — Cesar Sinda, 135, former Olympic champion from Africa, turned the tables on Felipe Torres, 137, East Los Angeles, in their rematch 10-rounder at the Auditorium.

Sinda, a previous knockout loser to Torres, was the better conditioned fighter this time and captured a unanimous decision.

Pete Vital, 134, East Los Angeles, drew with Danny Castro, 133, San Diego, (6); Frank Gastelum, 152, Santa Ana, decisioned Tony Morales, 149, Anaheim, (6); David Love, 160, San Diego, KO over Paul Pacheco, 158, East Los Angeles, (4).

▲**LONG BEACH** — For the time being, boxing has ended at the Long Beach Auditorium, with the Forum moving its operations to the much larger arena in Inglewood.

Irish Gil King, 147, and Arturo Lomeli, 144½, Mexico City, battled in the 10 round main event. After plenty of action, the verdict was a draw.

In a second ten, David Diaz, 130, Long Beach, stopped Jose Valenzuela, 131, National City, in the seventh round. Diaz floored his man twice.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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Castro.

Former European champion Tom Bogs, Denmark, kayoed American Mike Pusateri in one hundred and nine seconds.

ITALY

▲**Ravenna** — Junior welterweight Enrico Barlatti outscored Guiseppe Minotti, eight.

▲**Taranto** — Featherweight Domenico Chiloiro stopped Vittorio Ferri, in 7. Welterweight Costimo Convertino beat Carlos Almeida who was disqualified in the seventh.

▲**Sirmione** — Bepi Ros won the Italian heavyweight crown beating champion Armando Zanini, TKO 7. Middleweight. Peter Asandol outscored Renato Romano eight. Ros is 29.

▲**Cascina** — Heavyweight Piero del Papa beat Jean Tshikuna KO 2.

▲**Rimini** — Ezio Ragini outpointed Felice Becco, ten.

▲**Bologna** — Heavyweight Dante Cane stopped Stanford Harris in one minute and thirty seconds of round five. Adriano Rosati beat Gianfranco Giannini, TKO 5. Featherweight Miguel Araujo beat Giovanni Cavazzini, TKO 2.

▲**Albena** — Welterweight Luciano Mugliarisi outscored Carlos Sambussi, Ten.

▲**Rome** — Carlos Monzon, Argentine, world middleweight champion, beat Denny Moyer, USA, TKO 5. Italian light heavyweight champion, Domenico Adinolfi lost his title to Gianfranco Macchia, 12. Robert Aguilar beat Bob Tuckett, TKO 1. Lightweight Enzo Petriglia outpointed Leonard Tavarez, eight. Welterweight Gianni Zampieri beat Jean Claude Delgove, KO 4. Middleweight Elio Calcabrini outscored Abdel Ouni, eight. Welterweight Domenico Di Iorio outscored Lorenzo Nardillo, eight.

▲**San Remo** — European junior lightweight champion, Tommaso Galli, Italy, retained his title beating his challenger, Jean De Keers, Belgium, in round eleven. A left to the jaw decked DeKeers in Round 11. He rose but was sent to his knees by another left. The towel was thrown in by his corner men. DeKeers was five ounces over the weight limit and had to take a sauna bath which probably weakened him. The bout was postponed one day because of local television strike.

▲**Reggio Emilia** — Middleweight Penzo Pontriroli outscored Gianni Mingardi, eight.

▲**Isola Lira** — Junior welterweight Tommaso Marocco beat Joao Dos Santeos who was disqualified in the fifth.

▲**Gallaralle** — Welterweight Bruno Meggiolaro outscored Martin Figueroa, ten.

▲**Udine** — Middleweight Nicola Menchi beat Roberto Sgrazzutti, TKO 5.

▲**Turin** — Bruno Arcari, WBC junior welterweight champion of the world, beat Al Romano, USA, KO 4, (non title).

SPAIN

▲**Barcelona** — Jose Hernandez, Spain, retained his European junior middleweight crown against Jacques Kechichian, France. The bout was declared No Contest with two officials scoring a draw and another seeing Hernandez the winner by one point. 34 year old Kechichian and Hernandez both fell to the canvas in frame eleven after a terrific exchange.

▲**Madrid** — Lightweight Miguel Molleda beat Jose Maria Rico, TKO 3. Light heavyweight. Victor Varon beat Martin Parraga, TKO 3. Middleweight Fernando Armesto outscored Manuel Rico, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Welterweight Francisco Manzano outpointed Famoso Dongil, eight. Lightweight Miguel Molleda beat Joe Vega, TKO 5. Welterweight Angel Ejarque beat Alberto Flores, TKO 7. Bantamweight Jose Luis Otero outscored Gonzalo Aspron, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Middleweight Fernando Armesto outscored Miguel Aunon, eight. Featherweight Cristobal Diaz drew with Ciclon Edroso, eight. Lightweight Bossi Gonzalez beat Fernando Bermejo, KO 6. Welterweight Miguel Molleda beat Salvatore Gennatiempo, TKO 4.

▲**LaCoruna** — Spanish welterweight champion Gonzalez Dopico held on to his title outpointing Ricardo Cabrera, 12. Bantamweight Ringo Valeiro beat Fernando Segura who was disqualified in the fourth. Lightweight Manuel Diaz drew an eight rounder with Jose Gonzalez.

▲**Madrid** — Lightweight Miguel Molleda beat Halimi Larousi, KO 3. Flyweight Pedro Latorre lost on points to Mariano Garcia, eight. Lightweight Angel Ejarque drew with Juan Pena, eight.

▲**Velancia** — Heavyweight Greg Peralta beat Willi Johnson, TKO 2. Lightweight Jonathan Dele drew with Carlos Capella, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Heavyweight Greg Peralti beat Leroy Caldwell, TKO 4. Middleweight Jose Duran beat Dramane Ouedrago, TKO 8. Mariano Garcia won the vacant Spanish flyweight title, beating Antonio Tenza, TKO 7.

▲**Miranda de Epro** — Lightweight Rodolfo Sanchez beat Felipe Prada, TKO 7.

FRANCE

▲**Paris** — Three thousand paid some 232,000 francs and saw Roger Zami win the vacant European junior lightweight crown outpointing Sandro Lopopolo, Italy, fifteen. Lightweight Juan Flores, Cuba, beat the French lightweight champion, Jean Pierre LaJaouen, TKO nine. Junior lightweight Josef Soussou beat Emanuel Fasoli, TKO 6. Middleweight Vincent Parra outscored Michel Chapier, eight. Junior lightweight Baldassari Picone outpointed Antonio Ortiz, eight.

▲**Paris** — Middleweight Nessim Cohen beat Mario Almanzo, TKO 8. Light heavyweight Ba Sounkalo beat Jose Maver, TKO 3.

▲**Amiens** — Welterweight Jean Claude Lafarge drew with Jean Badchon, eight.

▲**Dunkirk** — Lightweight Bernard Creton beat Siki Sow, KO 7.

▲**Lille** — Middleweight Jean Claude Bouttier beat Ruben Arocha, KO 5. Francis Vermandere drew with Fabio Bettini, ten. Welterweight Jacques van Mellaerts outscored John Tiger, ten.

▲**Paris** — 4,500 at the Sportpalast paid a record 518,000 francs to see European welterweight champion Roger Menetrey, make a successful defense against Robert Gallois. The first five rounds saw the challenger in front and the champion bleeding from a cut under the left eye. Gallois was decked in round six by a right and left to the chin. He rose at eight and referee Gondre allowed the fight to continue. Another blow to the chin and the bout was over. Former European champion Rene Rogue, France, lost on points to Bueno Huertas, ten. Welterweight Ould Makloufi decisioned Piero Meraviglia, eight. Mathiu outscored Galou and Jo Sousson beat Ernesto Miranda, TKO 6.

▲**Paris** — At the Sportpalast 3,000 paid 192,000 francs and saw Max Cohen, France, outscore American Willi Monroe, ten.

GERMANY

▲**Hamburg** — Heavyweight Kurt Ludecke beat Herbert Willems, KO 4.

▲**Cologne** — Light heavyweight Karl Heinz Klein drew a ten rounder with Leroy Hurricane Roberts. Welterweight Ait Bouzid, France, beat German Manfred Lessmann, TKO 6.

▲**St. Ingbert** — Light heavyweight Tino Rimasti beat Franjo Kovac, TKO 4. Eduard Fuchs outscored Helmut Slomke, four. Welterweight Horst Kelbassa, Germany, outpointed Miguel Heredia, Spain, four. Wolfgang Luger decisioned Hans Wilhelm Ermen, four. Light heavyweight Juan Rodriguez, Diaz, lost to Salko Brkic, Yugoslavia, four.

▲**Offenbach** — There were 4,000 at Fischer's show. Manfred Ackers decisioned Nic Suhrig, four. Randolph Hombach outscored Pierre Tirlo, Belgium, six. Karl Heinz Klein, Germany, outpointed Carlo Clementi, Italy, eight. Mathias Rosenitsch, Austria, decisioned Wilhelm Janke, Germany, eight. Kurt Hombach, Germany, outscored Paolo Piras, Italy, six. Clement Tschinza beat the German welterweight champion, Horst Brinkmeier, TKO 6.

▲**Herford** — Wolfgang Luger beat Henkeshoven, TKO 2. Rodriguez, Spain, outpointed Udo Weitzel, four. Lightweight Ben Abdallah, Tunis, beat Ahmet Hossoyler, Turkey, TKO 4. Norbert Weinrauter outscored Horst Kelbassa, six.

▲**Berlin** — Junior lightweight champion Lothar Abend, Germany, beat Djimar Belhadi, Algiers, KO 2. Heavyweight Kurt Ludecke outpointed Manfred Ackers, six. Light heavyweight Detlef Naseband lost to southpaw Klaus Peter Tombers, KO 5. Frank Reiche beat Gunter Valtinke, KO 2. Junior middleweight, Randolph Hombacb, Germany, beat Italian, Paolo Piras, six. Crowd 750.

HOLLAND

▲**Voorburg** — Dutch heavyweight champion Ruddi Lubbers outpointed Expedit Montcho, ten. Referee, Jan Krom, counted over Montcho in round nine when he was in trouble. Bert Nikkelen Kuyper, Holland, outscored Khellaf Ouali. Welterweight, Bert Zwezerijen beat Jean Heirman, Belgium, KO 4. In his second professional fight, Iwan Roestli outpointed Angelo d'Aleo, Italy, six.

Heavyweight Alfred Vogrig, Italy, out of action for nearly a year with a broken hand, beat Irlo Werlemann in round five.

FINLAND

▲**Helsinki** — Five thousand saw Olli Maki, Finland, decision David Pesenti, France, ten. Lightweight Dominque Azzaro, France, beat Mikkinen, Finland, TKO 6. Risto Meronen, Finland, outpointed Abdelaziz Meziche, France, six. Junior lightweight Erikki Meronen, Finland, outpointed Michel Briatte, France, four. Kari Meronen, Finland, beat Emile Rodriguez, France, TKO 6.

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▲**Wilkenraedt** — Christian Mossoux, Belgium, outscored Italian Tomasi Rimasti and Armand Xhonneux, Belgium decisioned Khellaf Ouali, France, before a crowd of 1,000.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva** — Welterweight Walter Blaser beat Pietro Vargellini, KO 2.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen** — Welterweight Jorgen Hansen outpointed Ricky Porter, ten. Tom Bogs outpointed Roy Dale, 10.

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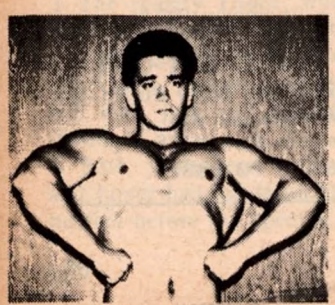

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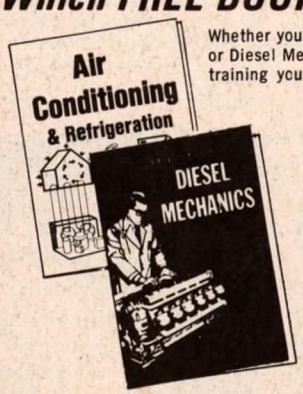

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